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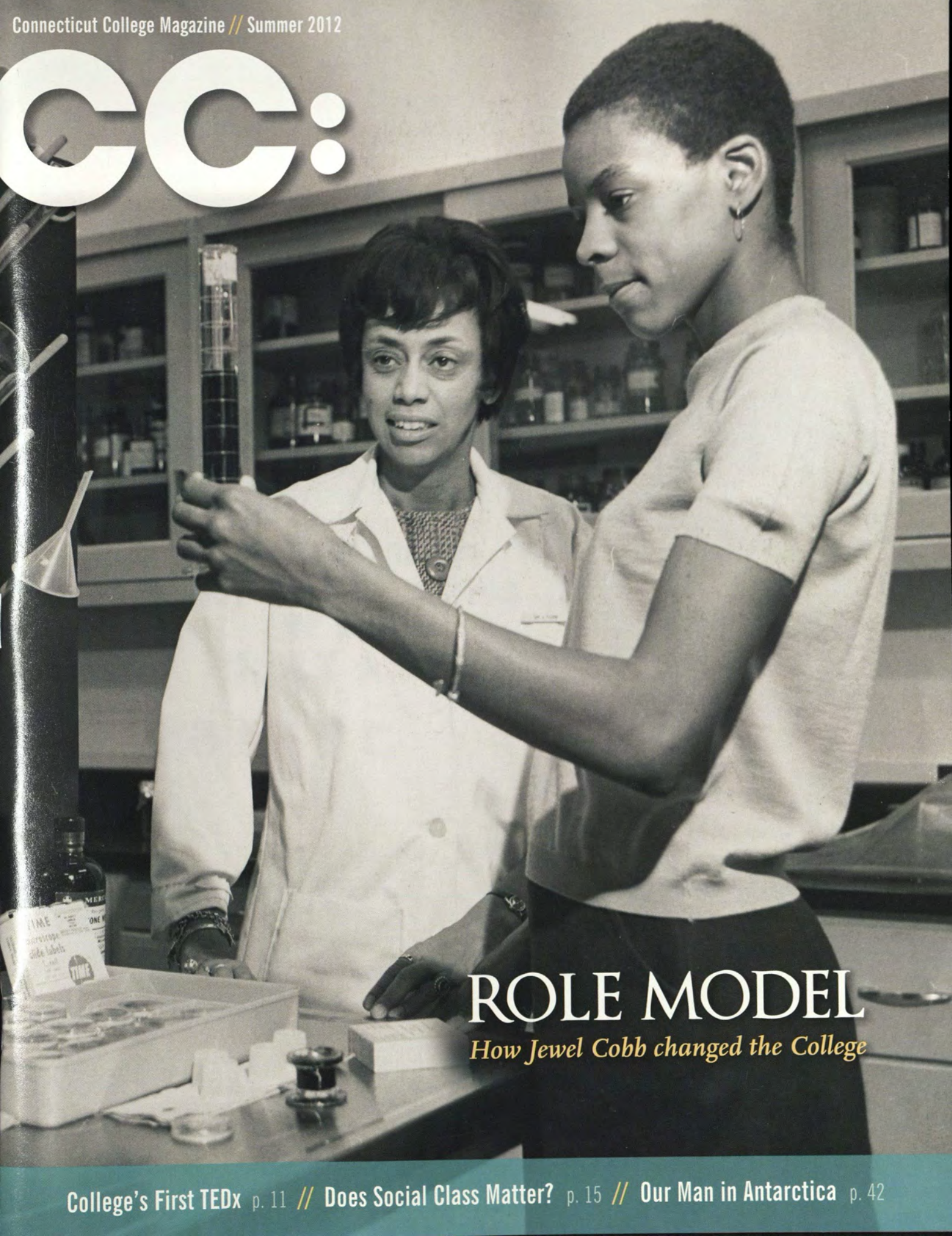
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ROLE MODEL

How Jewel Cobb changed the College

FOURTEEN OF THE 17 GRADUATES FROM THE COLLEGE'S FIRST CLASS OF SCIENCE LEADERS CELEBRATE AFTER COMMENCEMENT. FROM LEFT: CANISSA GRANT, RABIA NASIR, SHUANG SONG, ANNE KEARNEY, SOKKHA HAK, LAUREN MANNING, CHRISTINA BALKARAN, DIANE ESSIS, THE JEAN C. TEMPEL '65 PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES MARC ZIMMER, KATHRYN ARROYO, ERICK ARGUETA, RENEE SIGNORE, COURTNEY DWYER, SAMUEL ALVAREZ AND ALEXANDER DESHIELDS. READ MORE ABOUT THEM ON PAGE 3.

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To the Editor:

It is exciting to learn that the supposedly stolen manuscript was actually just misplaced for half a century ("Medieval Manuscript: Every Page Tells A Story," Spring 2012). The illustrations in the article are beautiful, but calling a French manuscript copied no earlier than 1523 medieval is a bit off, since the 16th century in France is generally considered to be Renaissance rather than medieval.

And one wonders why the librarians (or the author) did not ask the music faculty to vet the description of the music, for the neumes do not just "resemble music notes," they are musical notes, and they signify specific pitches, not relative ones. On the page for the first Sunday of Advent there is a C clef on the third line of the staff; in the feast day illustration, "Vir Dei Antoninus" has an F clef on the third line. Thus the first notes of the Responsory "Missus est Gabriel" are G-A-G and of "Vir Dei Antoninus" D-D-D-C-A.

Finally, although composers may indeed have used five (or more) staff lines by the 14th century, the four-line staff was and still is standard for writing plainchant, which has a limited range and does not normally require a larger staff. The movable clefs could accommodate most chant melodies.

Patricia Brown Brauner '64 P'93
Former Music Librarian, Greer Music Library (1970-72)
Coordinator (ret.), Center for Italian Opera Studies, University of Chicago Oak Park, Ill.

Benjamin Panciera, the Ruth Rusch Sheppe '40 Director of Special Collections, responds:

Periodization is a hotly contested topic and constantly provokes disagreements and differing interpretations among scholars. This is perhaps nowhere more true than in determining what is "medieval" versus what is "Renaissance." We chose to describe

our manuscript as medieval for two reasons.

First, many historians elect to describe books of the earlier 16th century that were copied from medieval models and produced using medieval methods as medieval in order to emphasize the continuity of earlier techniques of production in the early print environment.

Second, liturgists tend to describe the late medieval period of liturgy as continuing up to the reforms of the Council of Trent (1545-63), and our book is a liturgical manuscript. Given the relatively late date of the manuscript and the humanistic hand in which it was written, it wouldn't be entirely improper to describe it as being of the Renaissance, though we ultimately think this is less useful for coming to an understanding about the book.

Four- and five-line staves are widely attested in this period for these kinds of manuscripts. A prominent five-line example is the Neresheim processional, which is an almost exact contemporary of this manuscript, held at Harvard University (Houghton Library MS Typ 0047). They are also common in Spanish manuscripts of this period, though much less so among French manuscripts. We highlighted this feature of our manuscript in order to demonstrate the inherently conservative nature of book production and liturgy at this time.

Finally, the author is entirely right that the neumes signify specific pitches. We regret the error and appreciate the correction.

For years I have turned first to Class Notes and then given the rest of the magazine a cursory look/read. But something has changed! The articles are so interesting and so well written that I find myself starting at the beginning and really enjoying each issue.

Pat Roth Squire '51
Boston, Mass.

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THE FIRST CLASS OF SCIENCE LEADERS POSES FOUR YEARS AGO WITH THEIR MENTOR, CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR MARC ZIMMER. TURN TO THE TABLE OF CONTENTS TO SEE THEM ON COMMENCEMENT DAY.

Changing the world, one scientist at a time

Leo I. Higdon, Jr.

I ALWAYS ENJOY CONGRATULATING

the graduates at Commencement, but it was especially satisfying this year to present a diploma to each member of the first class of Science Leaders. These young women and men came to Connecticut College in 2008 to be part of a program we created with funding from the National Science Foundation to attract women and other underrepresented groups to the sciences.

The Science Leaders Program is based on the central elements of the Connecticut College education: rigorous academics, close student-faculty relationships, and hands-on research and internship opportunities. Our goal is to foster a passion for science and prepare students for careers in related fields.

By any measure, this first group of Science Leaders is a great success. They all have impressive resumes that detail their accomplishments as undergraduates. Examples from a handful of the students can only begin to tell the story.

- Erick Argueta, a biochemistry, cellular and molecular biology major from Rhode Island, won a national chemistry award and spent his sophomore summer in Scotland researching nanometrology. The following year he interned at Yale as part of a research group studying polycystic kidney disease.
- Lauren Manning, an aspiring doctor from Bethlehem, Pa., majored in behavioral neuroscience. She spent a semester in China studying health care disparities in Tibetan communities and her summers doing research at the Arizona Heart Foundation in Phoenix and volunteering in a hospital emergency department in New York.

- Samuel Alvarez, a chemistry major from the Bronx, co-authored papers with his professors and peers and presented posters at professional conferences. He interned at the University of Oregon as part of a National Science Foundation-funded research group.
- Maritza Diane Essis, a biology major from western Massachusetts, conducted research with a cardiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She also was president of the Student Government Association and an intern with the College's Think S.A.F.E. Project, a violence prevention initiative.

Shortly before Commencement, I met with the Science Leaders and was pleased to hear about their plans for the future: They aspire to become physicians, research scientists, public health officials, environmental policymakers, professors and more.

Some have already secured spots in graduate school or medical school, while others are planning post-graduate internships or fellowships before they embark on further study.

This is exactly the outcome we sought four years ago when we invited 17 high school seniors to become the College's inaugural class of Science Leaders. For me, this program's success is so characteristic of Connecticut College and the kind of personalized education we offer on a broader level.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to watch these talented students evolve from tentative freshmen into self-confident, capable graduates. I look forward to seeing how they — and subsequent cohorts of Science Leaders — will make their mark on the world.

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I was glad to read the piece in your Spring 2012 issue about the men's hockey team and the Green Dot program to prevent power-based personal violence.

However, I couldn't help noticing the irony in the fact that the image of the Camel on the team's shirts is so ferocious. When my son, Owen Wiseman '11, started at Conn, the Camel logo was peaceful and smiling. That didn't mean that my son's track team didn't compete hard, but their goal was not to devour their opponents.

There seems to be a trend these days toward meaner sports logos. For more than a century, my alma mater, Yale, was content with images of its bulldog mascot that made it look tenacious, but not vicious. Yale's new bulldog logo has a pugnacious, undershot jaw and protruding fangs. The change has not improved the Elis' athletic standing, but it does suggest that Yale's athletes are becoming more brutish than brainy.

There is much to be said for a friendly mascot that represents the ability to survive in the desert and transport pharaohs and kings. I understand that some Conn students have recently been pushing for a return to the Camel logo of old. I'm on their team.

Carter Wiseman P'11
Weston, Conn.

TALK TO US

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What Readers Want

Alumni praise the magazine, suggest how to improve

IN FEBRUARY, we emailed alumni an invitation to take a survey about this magazine. We expected to get a few hundred responses. Instead, 1,887 people completed the survey, a 14-percent response rate. We were blown away as well by how many of you took the time to add individual comments.

Overall, you give this publication a good report card. Make that a good-to-excellent report card. Ninety percent of you rate the quality of the magazine good or excellent. Most of you also give high marks to design, photography, writing and relevance.

Even those who were more critical in your comments clearly care about the magazine. We appreciate the detailed analysis and suggestions you shared.

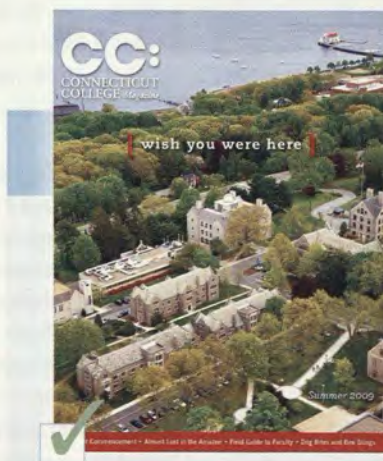
Your feedback is already shaping our editorial decisions — see the expanded Class Notes and Lives sections in this issue — and you'll see further changes in the year ahead.

WE EXPECTED to see sharp differences between graduates of different eras; instead, we were surprised by how much you have in common. For example, graduates of every era overwhelmingly liked and disliked the same magazine covers.

The single biggest takeaway: Even in the age of Facebook, you still read Class Notes — and you're disappointed when your class doesn't have any.

When we asked what you would like more of (besides Class Notes), the top requests were remarkably consistent: more alumni profiles and alumni achievement. The only outliers were alumnae of the 1940s, who want more campus photos, and graduates since 2010, who want more campus news.

We saw more differences by gender than generation. Women were more likely to say the magazine was excellent, while men were twice as likely as women to rate it only fair. We're still puzzling over that. Are we producing a magazine that's intrinsically more appealing to women? Are men just more likely to criticize? What do you think?



AND THE WINNER IS ...

We asked you to choose your favorite among six recent covers. The top choice, across all generations, was the Summer 2009 cover (left) that read, "Wish you were here." Apparently, many of you wish the same thing.

There was equal consensus around the least favorite. About half of you turned thumbs down on the Spring 2010 cover (far right).

Some of your feedback:

"I depend on CC: Magazine for my connection with the memories of four very important years in forming the person I became ..."

"I think CC: Magazine is terrific — and always enjoy getting it."

"The magazine should feature more stories about the current academic fields, faculty and course choices."

"As a professional art director and publication designer, I am always pleasantly surprised and impressed by the high quality of the magazine."

"The magazine is always worth reading."

"I really dislike the graphic design. ... It calls attention to itself in a bad way and detracts from the stories and even the pictures. ... My prep school magazine is much better."

"Being so far away from Conn and all things CC, I really enjoy receiving the magazine and looking through it. Please keep them coming."

83%

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NOTES**

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CLASS
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15%

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"COVER
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"I think you do a good job at what you cover — you simply emphasize the wrong stories and tease them in very boring ways."

"At our home, we receive four alumni magazines. CC: Mag is by far the most interesting, colorful and engaging of them all."

"The major problem I have with the magazine is its consistently unreadable picture captions."

"CC: Magazine has always been fabulous, and it has only improved through the years. It is a true treasure."

"I'd like to see more coverage of alumni in a variety of professions, especially business."

"I love the magazine, and any efforts to make it hipper, better, more newsy, get us more connected are all welcome."

"It is important to me that the magazine covers and content reflect the racial diversity of our college, and offer highlights from alumni of color."

"Great job, editors. Please keep it up."

COMING SOON: PARENT SURVEY

Even though the majority of our readers are alumni, parents are a very important audience with a big investment in the College. We think you may have different interests than alumni, but we want to know for sure. Watch your email for a parent version of this survey.



**FROM THE
CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE CLASS OF
2016 FACEBOOK PAGE:**

"I'm ardently reading through the alumni Class Notes in the CC: Magazine and getting really, ridiculously excited for the next four years — it seems like Camels go on to wonderfully exciting-unusual-inspiring lives out there in the real world."





The road to civil rights

SEVEN STUDENTS followed in the footsteps of civil rights pioneers in March, visiting the Martin Luther King Memorial in Atlanta, touring the Slave Museum in Charleston, S.C., and walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. The trip was part of a course on women and the civil rights movement, led by Mab Segrest, the Fuller Maathai Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and a Tuskegee, Ala., native; and Claudia Highbaugh, dean of religious and spiritual life and daughter of a Tuskegee Airman. At the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., the students each signed a pledge to be a civil rights activist. "Much of the driving force behind the civil rights movement came from students my age," said Marline Johnson '13, a psychology major and art minor. "If I had been a college student then, what kind of an activist would I have been?"

FROM LEFT: MARLINE JOHNSON '13, JANET TSO '12, BERNADETTE PALMERI '12, ELIZABETH RAMOS '12, CHRISTOPHER PISANO '15, TELAYAH STURDIVANT '15 AND RASHEED MITCHELL '13.

Inside India

AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR CLASS and a double major in economics and government, Daniel Wernick '12 knows the value of networking. So he was thrilled to have the opportunity in March to make new contacts not only among his peers at other schools but also among government ministers in India. Wernick is part of a group of American student leaders called C-100, which was invited to Delhi and Hyderabad by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs' Public Diplomacy Division. The group met with the country's chief election commissioner, the Joint Secretary of the Americas and representatives from the Ministry of External Affairs. "Witnessing firsthand the way leaders operate in India was eye-opening," Wernick said.



A win-win for everyone

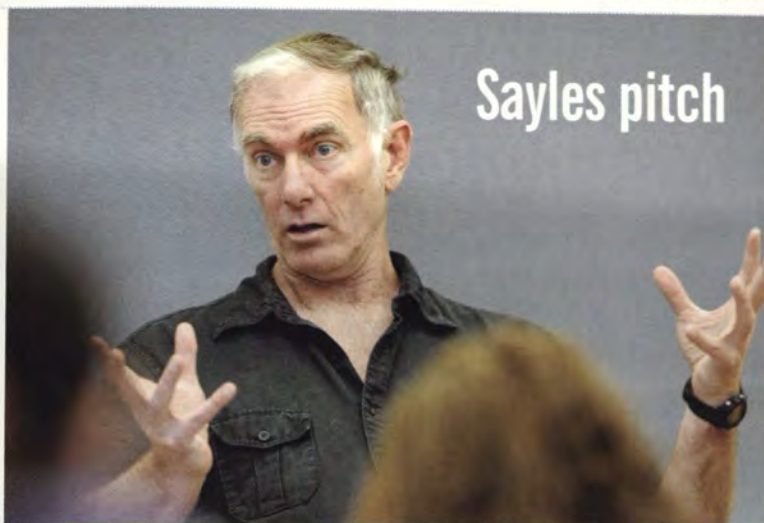
EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 500 Connecticut College students intern, work, study and volunteer in local schools, agencies and other nonprofits. In recognition of that commitment, the College earned a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service 2012 Honor Roll — the fourth time the College has made the list since it was launched in 2006. "Through these partnerships, our students deepen their knowledge and acquire citizenship and skills," said Tracee Reiser, associate dean for community learning and director of the Office of Volunteers for Community Service. Brigida Palatino '12, an environmental studies and psychology major, began volunteering as a freshman with Project Kids, Books and Athletics, a student-initiated program. "The act of volunteering is a win-win for everyone because there is no limit to what we can learn from each other," she said.



BRIGIDA PALATINO '12, LEFT, VOLUNTEERS WITH THE KIDS, BOOKS AND ATHLETICS PROGRAM.

Algal accolades

PETER SIVER, the Charles and Sarah P. Becker '27 Professor of Botany, continues to make a big impact with his research on some of the world's smallest organisms. In addition to earning two recent National Science Foundation grants totaling more than \$500,000, Siver is the lead author on a new book, "The Freshwater Diatom Flora of Waterbodies on the Atlantic Coastal Plain." He also published a March 2012 cover article in the journal *Freshwater Biology* with Anne M. Lott '91, a botany department research associate. To top it off, Danish scientist Jorgen Kristiansen and his Czech colleague Yvonne Nemcova named a South African alga, *Mallomonas siveri*, in Siver's honor. Siver says that the types of algae he studies account for half of the photosynthesis taking place on Earth — "and, therefore, half of all of the oxygen we breathe."



KHOI TON

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER JOHN SAYLES visited campus for a day in April to discuss the creative process of filmmaking and screenwriting.

He also read from his latest novel, "A Moment in the Sun," and showed his film "Amigo." The Oscar-nominated screenwriter of "Lone Star" and "Passion Fish" advised the aspiring writers in his audience to have empathy for their characters and to know their own limitations, but he also reminded them that, as storytellers, "You can do anything."

JON MARKSON '12 devoted his senior year to making music. In March, the music and technology major, computer science minor, and scholar in the Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology performed his original electro-acoustic song, "Meaning in a Word," at the center's 13th Biennial Arts and Technology Symposium; it was the first student piece ever performed live at the event. He also embarked on a personal project, releasing new compositions on his blog (<http://wearelivingthings.bandcamp.com>) each month for a year. Now a recording and mixing engineer at the Gallery Recording Studio in New York City, Markson says he loves "to help people realize their ideas. I feel good about helping another group find their potential."

CRAIG MAHONEY '12, ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC PETER JARVIS, JON MARKSON '12, STEVEN BUTTERY, JAMES FINUCANE '13 AND KYLE JOSEPH '12 PERFORM MARKSON'S SONG, "MEANING IN A WORD," AT THE 13TH BIENNIAL ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM.



BOB MACDONNELL



BOB MACDONNELL

Presidential portrait unveiled

WITH HIS DARK BLUE REGALIA and his signature white goatee, Norman Fainstein looks every inch the president emeritus in his official portrait. The painting now hangs alongside the portraits of the College's other past presidents in the Ernst Common Room of Blaustein Humanities Center.

The portrait, by Gerald P. York of New Haven, was unveiled at a ceremony in April.

"They say a picture is worth 1,000 words. Well, this one is surely worth 2,000 to 3,000 words, because it's such an improvement over the actual object," Fainstein joked.

President Lee Higdon credited Fainstein, who led the College from 2001-06, with instituting practices that allowed it to remain financially strong through the recession. He also said Fainstein was instrumental in laying the foundation for the College's more recent diversity efforts.

"Norman ensured that diversity was an integral part of every management decision the College would make," Higdon said. "Our success today ... stems from Norman's foresight and leadership."

Fainstein, the College's ninth president, regularly taught a course in urban sociology and history during his presidency, and in 2007 he became chair of the sociology department. He retired from the College in 2010, though he continues to teach: He had just returned from teaching in Singapore before the unveiling ceremony.

"It's a wonderful thing to be at the heart of what is still America's greatest export industry — education," he said.

Honors and awards

FOUR PROFESSORS WERE HONORED WITH THE COLLEGE'S HIGHEST FACULTY AWARDS IN APRIL. FROM LEFT: **WILLIAM ROSE**, PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT, WHO RECEIVED THE JOHN S. KING MEMORIAL AWARD; **ANN S. DEVLIN**, THE MAY BUCKLEY SADOWSKI '19 PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, RECIPIENT OF THE HELEN BROOKS REGAN FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD; **CHERISE HARRIS**, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, THE INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF THE HELEN MULVEY FACULTY AWARD; AND **ALEX ROBERTO HYBEL**, THE SUSAN ECKERT LYNCH '62 PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT, WHO RECEIVED THE NANCY BATSON NISBET RASH FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD.



A. VINCENT SCARANO

Study
break

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES AND COFFEE ARE CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION DURING FINALS WEEK AT SHAIN LIBRARY, WHICH SPONSORED SEVERAL STUDY BREAKS IN MAY. SCORES OF STUDENTS FOUND RESPIRE OVER THOSE EXAM-PACKED DAYS WITH PUZZLES, GAMES, ORIGAMI, DOUGHNUTS AND MORE. LORELEI FRANTZ, WHOSE BLUE CAMEL CAFÉ IN SHAIN KEEPS THE CAMPUS FUELED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, MADE THE COOKIES AND COFFEE FOR THE STUDY BREAK.

MEGAN COSTELLO '13



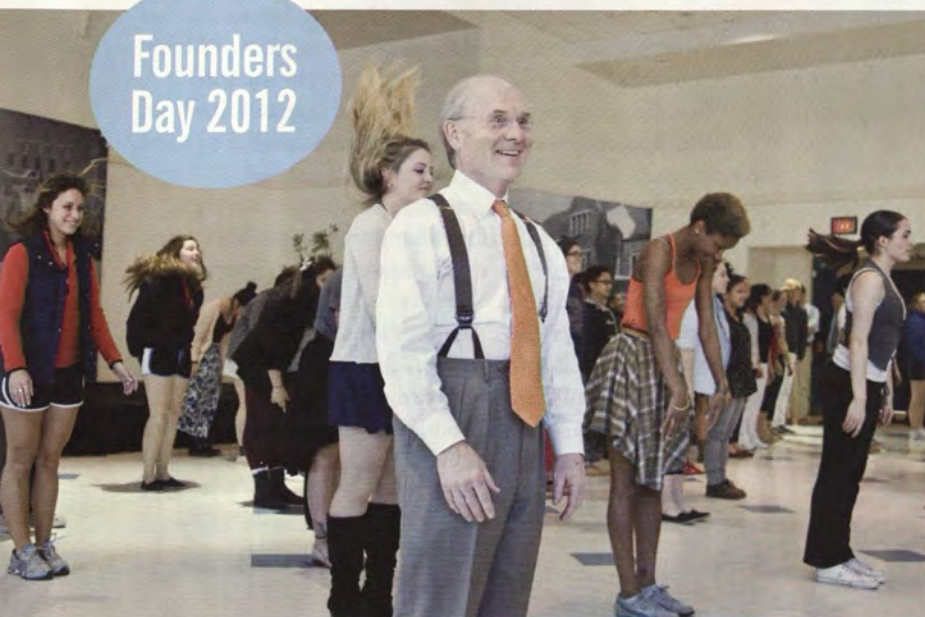
PRESIDENT HIGDON WAS AMONG 50 DANCERS who performed Twyla Tharp's "The One Hundreds" as part of the College's Founders Day celebration on April 5. Coordinated by Professor of Dance David Dorfman '81, "The One Hundreds" consisted of a series of 50 11-second phrases executed by two consecutive pairs of dancers, then five dancers each doing 10 of those phrases at the same time, and finally all 50 phrases simultaneously performed by 50 dancers. Performers included students, faculty, staff, members of the New London community, and Higdon, who mimed hitting and fielding a baseball. The College's 101st anniversary celebration also featured songs performed by the Chamber Choir, including the Centennial Song; a retelling of the founding by Associate Professor of Theater David Jaffe '77; and tea and cupcakes.

Street
art**CAN ART SAVE A CHILD?**

Gabby Arengé '14, a psychology major and art minor, hopes it can. This summer, with a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Projects for Peace program, Arengé will establish an art-mentorship program in Nairobi, Kenya, to deter street youth from drugs and prostitution. She is partnering with two Kenyan nonprofits to organize art projects and identify mentors for some of Nairobi's estimated 60,000 street children. Arengé, a scholar in the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, explains, "The art aspect of the project can promote inner peace through expression, and the mentorship program can guide and empower the children from the outside."

Founders
Day 2012

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PRESIDENT HIGDON AND HIS FELLOW DANCERS TAKE A BOW.

History in the making

25 campus buildings listed on State Register of Historic Places

FOLLOWING ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR,

Connecticut College continues to celebrate its history with the completion of a survey that lists 25 campus buildings on the State Register of Historic Places.

Ulysses Hammond, vice president for administration, applauded the news, which recognizes the significance of the College's founding and its pivotal role in the history of American higher education for women.

"With this listing," Hammond says, "the historical significance of our campus structures will be preserved in perpetuity."

Blake McDonald '10, an assistant architectural historian for the Public Archaeological Laboratory in Pawtucket, R.I., prepared the survey on behalf of New London Landmarks, a nonprofit committed to the preservation of the city's history.

"The state's approval of this survey acknowledges just how special (the College's) narrative is by recognizing the campus and buildings thereon as valuable historic

assets," McDonald says.

Sandra Kersten Chalk, executive director of New London Landmarks, took notice of McDonald, an architectural studies major, when he earned the 2010 Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for his honors thesis about the College's architectural history. When the organization applied for a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to survey the College's buildings, McDonald topped the list of qualified researchers.

"Everyone agreed he was obviously the one to do the survey," Chalk says.

McDonald began working on the survey last year, taking photographs and cataloging basic information — construction material, architectural changes, role in the College's history — about nearly every building on the main campus, excluding the Plex and the College Center at Crozier-Williams.

He completed the survey in the fall, and the State Historic Preservation Office officially recognized the buildings as historic resources in February. A copy of McDonald's report will be available at the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives in Shain Library.

As state historic resources, the 25 buildings may be eligible for state restoration funds and special consideration for renovations under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The listing also encourages local and state agencies to make special considerations with projects that might affect the College's buildings.

"What the survey does," McDonald says, "is give us an added level of protection against outside development (and) opens the College up to seek financial assistance to do historically sensitive repairs."

Hammond adds, "I anticipate that this may provide additional opportunities for the College's campus improvement program."

The State Historic Preservation Office previously worked with the College to list two other campus buildings on the National Register of Historic Places: the Winslow Ames House and the adjacent steel house that is now undergoing restoration. Both also received Historic Restoration Fund Grants. — *Monica Raymunt '09*



The power of big ideas

Students organize College's first TEDx conference

IN A SINGLE AFTERNOON, the College community grappled with war and peace, a cure for cancer, stereotypes of women, the future of cities, sustainable communities, and cult religions, all in the name of “Rethinking Progress.”

That was the theme for TEDxConnecticutCollege, a daylong conference of speakers, music and video in April.

TEDx programs are independently organized spinoffs of the internationally renowned TED events that invite industry leaders and thinkers from around the world to speak about “ideas worth spreading.” TED, a nonprofit organization, provides general guidance for TEDx events but leaves planning and execution to their organizers — in the case of Connecticut College, its students.

The idea to bring TEDx to the College took root more than a year ago, when Aditya Harnal '13 met one of the student founders of TEDxUChicago at a business conference in Texas. When he returned to campus, Harnal energized a group of nine student organizers and started the TEDx application process.

“They ask what your motivations are, what you hope to achieve, what themes you’re considering,” Harnal says. “It’s sort of like an application to college.”

After submitting their proposal and list of speakers, the group received permission from TED to hold the event.

“When I met (the students), saw their enthusiasm and learned about all of their efforts to put this event together — a *completely* student-run event — I was amazed and impressed,” says Afshan Jafar, assistant professor of sociology, who spoke at the conference about the language of progress and its connection to women’s bodies.

TEDxConnecticutCollege featured 12 speakers from academia, the arts, business, science research and medicine. Each was allotted 18 minutes to expound upon an idea,

project or event related to “Rethinking Progress.”

Professor of Philosophy Lawrence Vogel opened the conference with a review of how humankind has conceptualized progress over the centuries, comparing cyclical views to more linear, post-Enlightenment ideas.

Cancer researcher Ehsan Sarafray-Yazdi explained the progression of cancer treatment and the revolutionary potential of a new targeted therapy, and architect Daniel Winey P’15 came from Shanghai to propose breaking the boundaries between cities and buildings with sustainable skyscrapers.

Other presenters included Eugene Gallagher, the

Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies, who discussed Millennialism in religion; photographer Keoki Flagg ’87, who recounted a paralyzed athlete’s expedition to the South Pole (see story, page 42); sustainability entrepreneur David Barber ’88, who spoke about sustainable communities; a Brooklyn-based theater group, Overground Movement; and filmmaker Ayda Erbal, who examined genocide and the politics of progress. (To watch the presentations, go to tedxconnecticutcollege.com.)

Breaks throughout the day offered speakers and audience members a chance to mingle in sunny Castle Court and chat about the presentations.

“The power of these ideas can inspire people to have great enthusiasm about the things they do while they’re at Conn — while they’re a physical part of the College,” Barber says.

The organizers want to include student speakers in next year’s program and support TEDx projects in the fall that will be presented at the main event in Spring 2013.

“With our successful pilot year, I see TEDxConnecticutCollege becoming an annual event that transforms the discourse in our community,” Harnal says.

— Monica Raymunt ’09



TEDXCONNECTICUTCOLLEGE ORGANIZERS, FROM LEFT: AMY CHEETHAM '13, MIHIR SHARMA '12, SAVITRI ARVEY '12, ADITYA HARNAL '13, KATHERINE SHABB '12 AND MANUEL JIMENEZ '12.

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Art major's campus map captures Connecticut College experience

HOW DO YOU CHART FOUR YEARS at Connecticut College on a single sheet of paper? Unofficial campus cartographer Alicia Toldi '12 may have found the answer.

Toldi, an art major and anthropology minor from San Mateo, Calif., and an illustrator for *The College Voice*, drew a campus map for the newspaper in 2010 to help visitors navigate campus during Fall Weekend. It featured stick figures playing Frisbee and tiny doodles next to buildings to indicate their function — a mask next to Tansill Theater, for example.

The quirky cartoon rendering of the campus caught the eye of Patricia Carey, vice president for college relations, who contacted Toldi about using it in a “survival guide” for new students. The map was so popular that this year Carey asked Toldi for a more comprehensive drawing of campus to send to admitted students this spring.

“We wanted admitted students to visualize themselves on campus, as insiders,” Carey says. “Alicia’s map gives them a fun way to take that step.”

The final product, “The Unofficial Campus Map of

Connecticut College,” includes nearly every building and student space on campus and hints at the wide range of experiences students can have at what can seem like a small place.

Folded, the document acts as a brochure: One panel highlights attractions in downtown New London, and another section depicts a compass with bubbles of text and cartoons describing the four main regions of campus.

Inside is a detailed map chock-full of tidbits of institutional knowledge that can take weeks, months or even years for students to learn on their own.

In sketching the campus topography, Toldi created a blueprint of Camel culture. She labeled residence houses and academic buildings with their nicknames. Tips like “Gong: do not ring until senior year” and “Harvestfest tent goes here” make the reader feel like an insider.

“It’s a map that works,” Toldi says. “It’s not just for getting from place to place.”

Before revising the map this year, Toldi tallied favorite student spots on campus, gathering input from friends and anyone who walked by during late-night brainstorming sessions in Cummings.

Her true inspiration, though, was another hand-drawn map, created in 1934 by “Don. Ray” and “B. Townsend,” which hangs in a corridor on the second floor of Shain Library. “I like the way it shows the culture of Conn back then,” Toldi says. “It’s interesting to see what’s changed and what’s stayed the same.”

Though Ray and Townsend weren’t affiliated with the College, Toldi likes to think that she has followed in their footsteps.

“Drawing the new map while looking at the old one, I realized that I was showing more than just where things are,” she says. She hopes that student-drawn maps become a tradition to document the evolving campus.

Toldi, who worked as an artist’s assistant in Brooklyn last summer through the College’s funded internship program, is now a production assistant for Mr. Boddington’s Studio, a letterpress stationery company in New York. She says mapping the campus helped her map her future.

“Drawing the map made me happy about my decision to come to Conn,” she says. “Using my pen to capture (campus landmarks) through words or pictures really made me appreciate them.”

— Monica Raymont '09



ALICIA TOLDI '12 WITH THE HAND-DRAWN MAP SHE CREATED FOR NEW STUDENTS. VIEW THE MAP AT [HTTP://CCONLINE.CONNCOLL.EDU](http://cconline.conncoll.edu).

BRANDON W. NOBLEY

Spring Break: Havana

Students get a firsthand look at Cuba's education system

IT SEEMED LIKE A TYPICAL SPRING BREAK:

Nine students traveled to a tropical island, learned to salsa and soaked up the sun on a beautiful beach.

But with education workshops, meetings with iconic revolutionary leaders, and tours of health centers and schools rounding out the itinerary, this two-week trip to Cuba was anything but a vacation.

In March, Professor of Education Michael James and the students in his "Revolutionary Education in Latin America" course became the first Connecticut College class to travel to Cuba. James wanted them to witness the island's education system firsthand and challenge their preconceptions about a country long vilified in the U.S.

"Before I began to study Cuba, I had an unfortunately prevalent and ignorant impression of Cuba as a bad, disordered place run by a mean dictator," says Sophia Delevie-Orey '15, whose freshman seminar examined the Cuban Revolution. "While the country still has a third-world feel to it, there were certain key signs of poverty missing."

All education is free in Cuba, from preschool to university, James says.

"The students who went on this trip understand that education can be transformative, community-based and liberating," says James, whose course examines education systems in Cuba, Mexico and Nicaragua. "If they don't experience it, it's just a vague concept. But they've seen it on the ground, including its many contradictions."

In Havana, the class attended a two-day workshop on Cuban education, visited schools and universities, and met with the leadership of the Federation of Cuban Women. Meeting with

Cuban scholars, they discussed everything from the economy to revolutionary history to U.S.-Cuban relations.

They also got to speak with everyday Cubans on the street, meet politician Armando Hart Dávalos, and even attend a lecture by Aviva Chomsky, author of "A History of the Cuban Revolution," which they read for class.

History major Karina Hernandez '14 says the trip opened her eyes.

"Everybody was educated. Almost every person I met was more aware of what is going on in the world than the average American," she says. "Cuba truly offers a first-world education in a third-world economy."

James will lead students on a Study Away/Teach Away in Cuba during the Spring 2013 semester. He is looking forward to teaching students in an environment radically different from what they're used to.

"The best kind of study away is when you go somewhere that doesn't affirm your identity, but challenges who you are," James says. — *Amy Martin*



NAJAM ASGHAR '13, TRACY CALDWELL '14, SARA MACLEAN '15, JANIL TEJADA '15, EMILY RUSSELL '13, SOPHIA DELEVIE-OREY '15 AND KARINA HERNANDEZ '14, LEFT TO RIGHT, IN FRONT OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATICS AND COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING IN HAVANA'S REVOLUTION SQUARE. NOT PICTURED: ELIZABETH LARKIN '14 AND ERICA LOVETT '14.

Going the distance

In 10 seasons as coach, Benvenuti has built a swim program with muscle

IN 2002, BEFORE MARC BENVENUTI jumped in as head coach of the Connecticut College swimming and diving teams, the men placed last in the NESCAC championship.

Fast forward to this year's conference finals. Over three days in February, Tim Walsh '12 swept the backstroke events; Sam Gill '14 broke records in the 100 butterfly; and the quartet of Walsh, Gill, Kirk Czelewicz '15 and Patrick McGinnis '15 won the 200-yard medley relay.

Overall, the Camels placed fourth in the 11-team field — a testament to the athletes but also to their coach, who works tirelessly, on- and off-season, to build the best team he can.

"He's always working with you," says Walsh, a computer science and economics double major from Lincoln Park, N.J. "He's paying attention to every detail in practice."

Gill, of Springfield, Ill., first met Benvenuti at a sprint camp in Ohio. He accepted the coach's invitation to visit campus and found the perfect place to excel academically and athletically.

"I was just blown away by all the detail in his preparation with his recruiting packet," says Gill, a double major in economics and history. "The statistics, the progression, the past swimmers, alumni — seeing all of that put together was very impressive."

Benvenuti, who also coaches the women's team, looks beyond the numbers when he's scouting.

"The times for recruits are important," he says, "but we put a little less stock in what their high-school times are. I am more interested in what their level of motivation is."

Katie Karlson '13, a 2011 All-American breaststroker from Wayland, Mass., says Benvenuti "looks for people that have that unpolished, raw talent" and who "fit in the team."

Though Benvenuti holds open tryouts, he recruits most of his swimmers and rarely fills his rosters. NESCAC allows up to 24 swimmers on a team, but this year the men and women each had just 19.

"I'd rather have the right 19 (athletes) than have the full 24," he says.

Benvenuti knows what it takes to be a successful NESCAC student-athlete. A five-time All-American at Tufts University, where he majored in biology and environmental studies, he understands and accommodates his swimmers' academic priorities. He's coached dozens of student-athletes who were named to the NESCAC All-Academic Team, a distinction that requires a GPA of at least 3.35.

But life as a Camel swimmer isn't a day at the beach. "Our kids will swim 90,000 yards in a week," Benvenuti says — more than 7 miles a day. Early-morning practices and an annual three-week conditioning trip in Naples, Fla., over winter break foster team chemistry and prepare the squads for the grueling demands of the championship season.

The hard work is paying off. The teams have cracked the top 20 in the nation in three of the past four years. In the past two seasons, 12 Camels qualified for nationals, and 21 All-America swims were attained. Benvenuti, meanwhile, was honored as NESCAC Coach of the Year three times in six years.

"We just keep getting better every year," Benvenuti says. "We are headed towards the top and we'll continue to work harder to get there."

— Will Tomasian



SWIMMING AND DIVING HEAD COACH MARC BENVENUTI GIVES LAUREN PAPPAS '12 SOME POINTERS IN LOTT NATATORIUM.

BOB MACDONNELL

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Why don't we talk about social class?

By Lalita Russ '12

AS ANY SOCIOLOGY MAJOR will tell you, the three biggest factors that make up a person's social location are race, gender and class. I remember one year we received cards in our campus mailboxes asking, "What does race mean at Conn?" And sometime later one that read, "What does gender mean at Conn?"

I waited for the card that would ask, "What does class mean at Conn?" It never came.

To be fair, I doubt there is a student here who hasn't at least thought about it. Our extremely high tuition seems to give us a simultaneous sense of entitlement and shame.

We've all heard someone say, "I pay fifty-something grand to be here, so I should be allowed to ..." But many of us have done a private face-palm as we see another article listing Conn as one of the most expensive schools in the country. (We're also listed as one of the friendliest.)

We don't talk much about class at Connecticut College. We should. Education is a great equalizer, and we can learn from the diverse population here.

When students say, "I pay \$50,000 to be here," my usual response is "I don't." My family pays very little, due to the generous financial aid I've been awarded by the government, the College and a few outside scholarships. I couldn't be here without that help, and I remind myself often how lucky I am that I graduated from this beautiful liberal arts college in May.

A little less than half of us receive some form of financial aid; a little more than half pay full tuition. This fact is less visible than race and gender, but it is an important part of the student body's diversity.

When I arrived here in August 2008, I was prepared to come across people who were different from me in many ways. But I found myself facing a culture shock that I had not anticipated. I noticed it slowly at first — when my friends looked up their beautiful homes on Google Earth, for example, and I suddenly felt strange for the first time about the two-family house where I live on the second floor with my mom and my younger sister. In one of my classes, several people mentioned the women who came to clean their houses — a service I had never considered as a real possibility except when I pictured celebrities and mansions.

In Keene, N.H., I had rarely encountered people who lived such different lives than mine. I am deeply grateful

for my upbringing and the things I have. But suddenly I was unsure of where my voice came in. I was unaccustomed to being the one with a perennially different perspective due in part to my different socioeconomic background. Later, I learned to embrace this.

One afternoon in Harris I brought the subject up and was surprised to find that it made my slightly more well-off friends uneasy. Many of us have grown up in economically homogenous areas. The questions I was asking were new to us all. We can avoid talking about class because it is largely invisible. I can "pass" as a girl from the suburbs.

In this country, we hold conflicting and equally damaging ideas about class. One narrative is that everyone who has money has earned it. Anyone who doesn't has simply failed to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. A different narrative may be equally prevalent: that wealthy people are snobs, and poor people are working-class heroes. Neither narrative is categorically or even usually true, but both make us feel guilty and confused. We are afraid to reveal our socioeconomic background for fear of what it says about us and how it will make others feel. But since most of us at Connecticut College still depend financially on our parents, our class isn't even really ours yet, but entirely inherited.

Socioeconomic class doesn't dictate who we are or who we will become. But it is a force with massive implications for our country, our global society and our lives. We have little to fear from a discussion about class — except that our own preconceptions might be challenged. And we have much to gain. ■

Lalita Russ '12, a psychology major and religious studies minor, was a scholar in the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy. She is passionate about social justice issues and working with underserved youth. This article was adapted from an opinion piece originally published in The College Voice at <http://thecollegevoice.org/2012/04/02/classism-at-connecticut-college>.





JUSTIN KOUFOPOULOS '10

Fulbright Research Award

Country: United Kingdom

Major: Psychology

Minor: East Asian studies

What he'll do: Conduct social science experiments at the University of Leeds while pursuing a master's degree in psychology



SAVITRI ARVEY '12

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Country: Mexico

Major: International relations

Center: Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts

What she'll do: Teach English at a university or teachers college and work with students on a photo documentary project to investigate community issues



MYLES GREEN '09

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Country: Italy

Majors: Italian, art

What he'll do: Teach at one or two Italian high schools and complete an independent project working with immigrant communities



LINDSAY PAIVA '12

Fulbright Research Award

Country: Italy

Major: English

Minor: Italian studies

Center: Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy

Certificate: Elementary education

What she'll do: Research a Tuscan educational system of lifelong learning with an education professor at the University of Florence

College wins a record nine Fulbrights

SIX CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

seniors and three recent alumni have been selected to receive U.S. Fulbright Student Program grants to live, conduct research and teach abroad in 2012-13.

The nine awards are a record for the College; the previous record of five awards in one year was set in 2007 and matched in 2008 and 2011. Four of the awards are Fulbright Research Grants and five are Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships.

"The Fulbright is a strong complement to the Connecticut College liberal arts experience, and this most recent success is a testament our commitment to educating global citizens," President Lee Higdon says.

Connecticut College is consistently recognized as a top producer of Fulbright fellows, with 31 winners in six years.



REBECCA CHENEY '12

Fulbright Research Award

Country: Japan

Major: Japanese language and literature

Center: Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts

What she'll do: Investigate the potential to revitalize the language of the indigenous Ainu in Hokkaido public schools



ELIZABETH MARET '12

Fulbright Research Award

Country: Japan

Majors: Japanese, physics

What she'll do: Research optical physics at a Japanese university



KATHERINE SARTIANO '12

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Country: Germany

Majors: English, German

Center: Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts

What she'll do: Teach English at a German school



KARAM SETHI '12

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Country: Malaysia

Major: International relations

Concentration: National security

What he'll do: Teach English in one of Malaysia's Muslim provinces and teach photography or start a soccer league



CATHARINA DAMRELL '11

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Country: Indonesia

Major: Environmental studies

What she'll do: Develop lesson plans while learning about how Indonesians manage their natural resources

ATTENTION ALUMNI: COLLEGE CAN HELP YOU APPLY FOR A FULBRIGHT

In addition to assisting current students, the College helps graduates apply for Fulbrights. To be eligible for a College endorsement, contact Deborah Dreher, associate dean of fellowships and scholarships, at dvdre@conncoll.edu no later than Aug. 1. All application materials are due to the College by Sept. 12. More information can be found at www.conncoll.edu/academics/scholarships-fellowships.htm and <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about.html>.

COMMENCEMENT 2012



SPEAKERS URGE STUDENTS TO MAKE THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD

LOUIS B. SUSMAN P'84, the U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James's in London, urged the 437 members of the Class of 2012 to leverage their technological savvy to make their mark on the world.

"Through social media and networking sites you are already involved in the world to a degree that my generation was not — a world where issues like the economy, security, climate change and poverty affect us all, wherever we live, whatever our faith, whether we are rich or poor, learned or uneducated, old or young," Susman told the graduating class. "No longer are we immune or can we isolate ourselves from events elsewhere around the world."

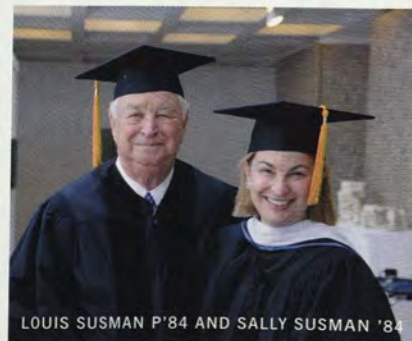
This interrelated world, he added, means we all share an interest in overcoming global challenges, and the generation that includes the Class of 2012 has the greatest

stake in the outcome of those efforts.

"Half a century ago, in his famous inaugural speech, President Kennedy declared that the 'torch has been passed to a new generation,'" said Susman, the father of former trustee Sally Susman '84. "I believe we are now at a similar moment. And nothing inspires my generation more than knowing that young people like you are ready to receive that torch. For as globalization and modern technology make the world increasingly interconnected, you simply cannot be bystanders."

President Leo I. Higdon, Jr., also indicated his confidence that the class was, indeed, much more than a class of spectators.

"Already you have taken on issues that are important to you and others," he said. "The Class of 2012 includes students who have fought against human trafficking,



LOUIS SUSMAN P'84 AND SALLY SUSMAN '84



TRUSTEE EMERITUS SUSAN LYNCH '62

engaged in dialogues with world leaders, used art to break down barriers, helped a population confront its troubled past. And that's just a small fraction of the impact you've already had on the world.

"You have proven yourselves through your academics, your citizenship, and the ways in which you have engaged yourselves in the world."

Brenner Green '12 of Lisbon, Conn., who was elected to speak on behalf of the graduating class, connected his public service to his academic, athletic and extracurricular experiences at the College. In his first semester, Green appeared in a documentary that chronicles the lives of openly gay and lesbian athletes, and in his speech he noted that his cross-country teammates embodied the College's mission.

"If you know Conn's values, you know that the College seeks to 'make all students feel comfortable, respect each other's differences, and seek common ground,'" he said.

"And this proved to be true. My teammates respected me for coming out and made me comfortable being their teammate. I've come to realize that the College's mission and values are a big part of my journey. Conn 'seeks to support and nurture intellectual, emotional, spiritual, creative and physical development of its student body.' And that's just what it did for me."

Susman received an honorary degree before he spoke.

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— Louis B. Susman P'84

Other honors bestowed during the ceremony included the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize, which was awarded to David Liakos '12, a philosophy major from Wakefield, Mass., for his honors thesis, "Overcoming Transcendence: Charles Taylor and Nihilism." The prize, named for a president emeritus of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed the year's most outstanding honors study.

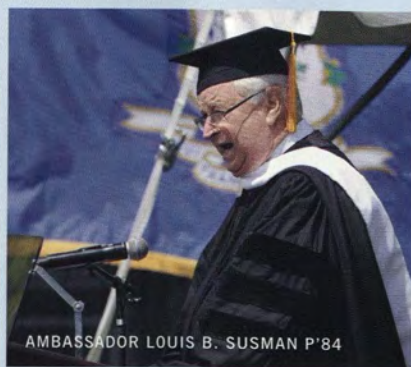
The Anna Lord Strauss Medal was awarded to Jazmin Long '12, a government major and scholar in the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy. The medal is presented to a senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service, including service to the College — and Long has exemplified these attributes. A champion for the rights and dignity of people, the Bridgeport, Conn., native relentlessly pursued knowledge and skills to better understand systems of power and oppression and bring about a more just society.

The Connecticut College Medal — the College's highest honor — was awarded to former trustee and chair of the board Barbara Shattuck Kohn '72, who forged a highly successful career in banking at a time when women had limited opportunities in that field. In addition to her 13 years of service on the Board of Trustees, including six as chair, Kohn served three years as head of the Campaign for Connecticut College. ■



DANIEL WERNICK '12, COLLEGE MARSHAL
ANN DEVLIN AND BRENNER GREEN '12







2012

BY THE NUMBERS

GRADUATES

437 Bachelor of Arts degrees
3 Master of Arts degrees

Students with double majors
106

33 states represented
28 international graduates,
 from **22** countries
229 students studied abroad
291 participated in community
 learning and service
99% gave to the College through
 the senior giving program
 (a new record)

LATIN HONORS

18 summa cum laude
42 magna cum laude
61 cum laude

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

13 honors study in the major field
31 honors study and distinction
 in the major field
131 distinction in the major field

CERTIFICATES EARNED

Ammerman Center for Arts &
 Technology: **5**
 Goodwin-Niering Center for the
 Environment: **8**
 Holleran Center for Community
 Action and Public Policy: **22**
 Toor Cummings Center for
 International Studies and the
 Liberal Arts: **28**
 Museum Studies: **10**
 Connecticut Teacher Certification
 Program: **16**

OTHER NOTABLES

Fulbright fellowship winners: **6**
 Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling
 Fellowship winner: **1**
 All-American athletes: **7**



Moments of Truth

Dirk Held left an indelible impression on his students

DIRK T. D. HELD, the Elizabeth S. Kruidenier '48 Professor of Classics, died unexpectedly on March 21. Held, 72, taught at the College for 41 years, the last 32 as chair of the classics department. His passion for antiquity and his commitment to students won over more than a few undecided sophomores, who majored in classics just to take more classes with him.

Among the hundreds of students he taught and mentored was Eric Adler '95, who went on to earn a doctorate at Duke University and then returned to Connecticut College in 2007 as assistant professor of classics. "He was my chief vision of what a classics professor was, and I knew I wanted to be like him as an adult," Adler recalls.

Held earned his bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from Brown University. His teaching and research focused on philosophy and the relationship between antiquity and the modern world. He also taught all levels of Latin and Greek, from beginning to advanced. He was particularly interested in how the values of the ancient world influence the values of today.

His impact on students, past and present, was profound.

"Man is the measure of all things," wrote Ben Cheung '12 in *The College Voice*, quoting the Greek philosopher Protagoras. "We always dream of college as a place where the big change

“He was my chief vision of what a classics professor was, and I knew I wanted to be like him as an adult.”

— Eric Adler '95



happens, where we encounter the moment in our lives in which we see a better future for ourselves. I am proud to say that meeting Dirk Held was that moment for me."

Miles Ladin '90, a photographer who majored in art, wrote on the College's Facebook page that his two courses with Held, on Socrates and classical ethics, "instilled in me a lifelong love affair with intellectual pursuits."

Two decades later, Travis Lynch '12 was similarly inspired. Taking Held's freshman seminar on Socrates, he discovered an interest in philosophy. Later, he read Plato in the original Greek with Held, and this year he wrote a philosophy honors thesis. He calls Held "perhaps the most influential professor I have ever had."

Held exemplified the life of the mind, but alumni from every era also remember him as kind, generous and funny. He was accommodating and supportive of student interests.

Classics major Emily Morse '05, author of a forthcoming memoir, "Dear Teen Me," says Held invited her to do a required Latin class as an independent study when the class time conflicted with her schedule as *Voice* editor-in-chief. For another class, he allowed her

to indulge her love of music by writing a paper on Dionysus and '80s hair metal. "Professor Held gave me the passion and confidence that allows me to write the way I do," she recalled in the Voice. "He made me brave, unapologetic ..."

Classics and history major Julia Harnett Lenzi '10, now a high-school Latin teacher, credits her teaching style to her former adviser. "He was so intent on building a community in our classroom, encouraging us to share with one another, and that fostered a love for classics in us all," she says. "As a Latin teacher, I take that to heart and try to incorporate that community in my classes."

Held was active in building the campus community as well. He served on many College committees and as special assistant to the provost and associate

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— Emily Morse '05

dean of the faculty, and played a pivotal role in establishing the College's Arabic program within the classics department in 2009. Ethan Harfenist '12, a student of Arabic, remembers Held as a "friend and mentor" who frequently reached out to him and his classmates to ask how the department could help them.

In 2007, Held received the Helen Brooks Regan Faculty Leadership Award, a choice that surprised no one. "Dirk earned the Regan award for his attitude of willingness to serve in any capacity needed by his colleagues," Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks says. "We will miss his presence and wry humor, his historical memory and, most of all, his fearless intellect." ■

Read more memories of Professor Held at www.conncoll.edu/in-memoriam/Dirk-Held.htm.



THE POWER OF A ROLE MODEL

By Patricia M. Carey

Biologist Jewel Plummer Cobb inspired a generation of Connecticut College students

In 1969, when Dean of the College Gertrude Noyes retired, President Charles Shain made a bold move. He passed over longtime Dean of Freshmen Alice Johnson, who had expected to get the job, and hired Jewel Plummer Cobb, a 45-year-old African-American biology professor and cancer researcher at Sarah Lawrence College.

Over the next seven years, Cobb made her own bold moves — as an administrator, professor of zoology, researcher, and national advocate for women and minorities in the sciences. She established an innovative post-baccalaureate program to help minority students prepare for medical and dental school. Her tenure also created an institutional foundation for the decision in 2005 to re-imagine the dean of the College as its chief diversity officer. Perhaps most importantly, she provided a role model of achievement for students, some of whom are now in leadership positions at the College.

“Back in those days, we were among the first African-American students to arrive on campus in any numbers,” says Estella Johnson ’75, a College trustee who recently retired as economic development director for the city of Cambridge, Mass. “To have a black leadership presence was very important for black and white students to see.”

Cobb remained at Connecticut College until 1976,

when she became dean of Douglass College, the women’s division of Rutgers University. Five years later, she was named president of California State University at Fullerton, where she served until 1990. In retirement, she moved to Cape Cod and continued to be active in many organizations, including the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole.

Today, Cobb lives in New Jersey, where she is suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. She could not be interviewed for this article. Her former students and a few former colleagues hold her close in their memories, not only as an accomplished professional, but in other dimensions as well: avid sailor, risk-taking skier, style icon, single mother and generous friend.

Cobb’s years on campus were pivotal for the College, as the administration attempted to implement coeducation and increase racial diversity at the same time. The first male freshmen arrived in Fall 1969 — 24 in all, including one African-American. The following year, there were 107 men in an incoming class of 487. The effort to attract students

of color, begun in 1964, was also showing results. According to a talk Cobb gave in 1975, the number of incoming African-American freshmen increased from eight in September 1964, to 11 in 1967, to 34, half of them men, in 1972.

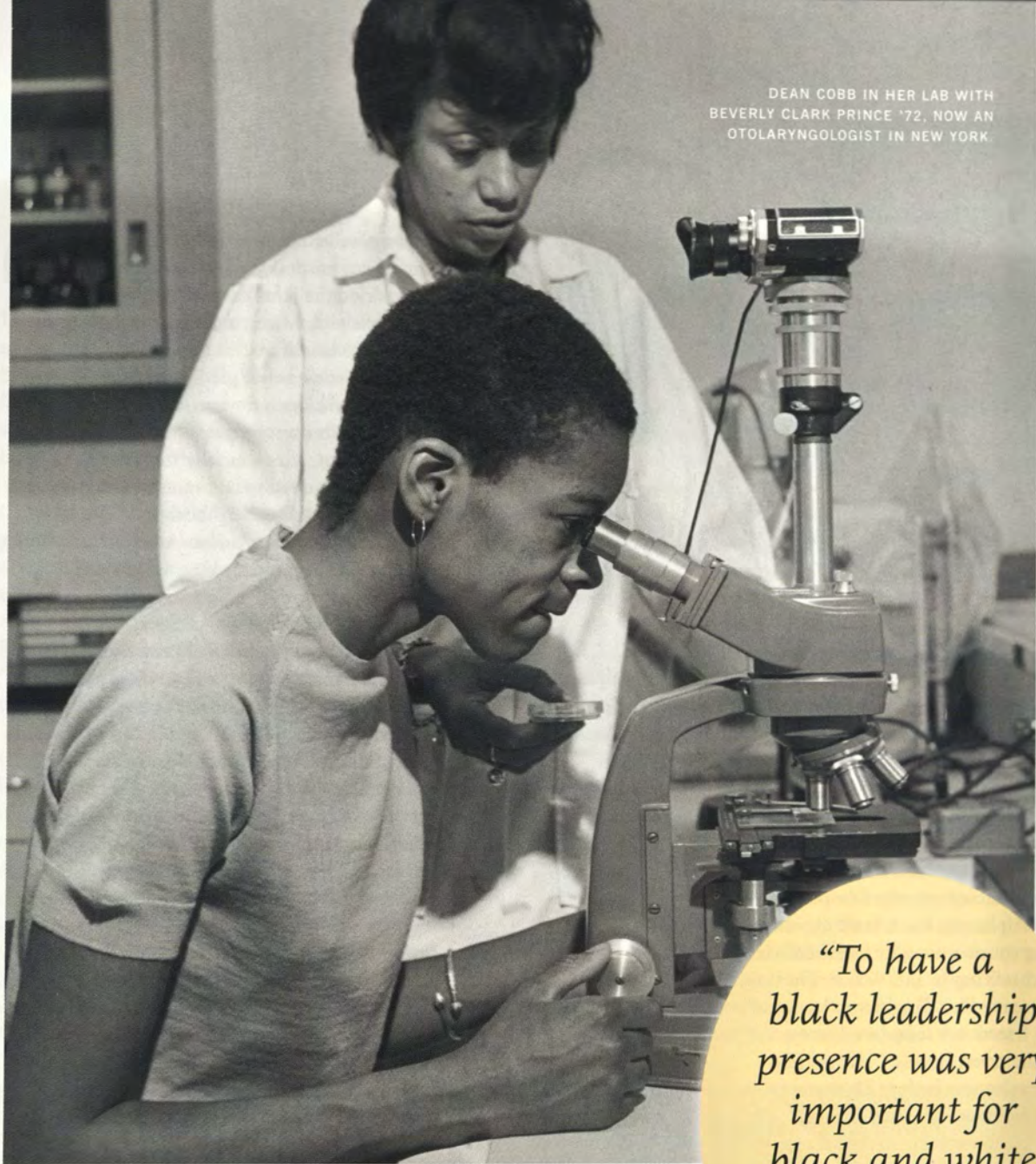
As the chief student affairs officer in a period of intense transition, Cobb had to find a balance between



COURTESY OF CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Doe Boyle and Stan DeCoster contributed to this story.

DEAN COBB IN HER LAB WITH
BEVERLY CLARK PRINCE '72, NOW AN
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— TRUSTEE ESTELLA
JOHNSON '75

leading and managing change. “This college is still far from achieving what I feel is a totality of the black academic experience,” she wrote in 1970. “But we are aware of what needs to be done and are taking positive steps in the right direction.”

She told *The Day* of New London that she spent much of her first year learning “how committees work, the way departments are run.” She built a library of information about graduate and professional schools in her office and went into the residential houses to talk to students about graduate school and fellowship opportunities. She worked with a student committee to attract more faculty of color to the College, and

she helped the College understand and respond to student demands for more involvement in College governance.

“It was a very rewarding experience for her,” says her son, Jonathan Cobb, who was 11 when he and his mother moved to New London. “She saw how much impact she could have on making the administration aware of students’ social and political needs and interests.”

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Jewel Isadora Plummer was born in 1924 in Chicago, the only child of physician Frank V. Plummer and Carribelle Cole Plummer, a physical education teacher who studied interpretative dance. Frank's father, Robert Francis Plummer, had been born into slavery and graduated from Howard University. He was a pharmacist who owned several drug stores in Washington, D.C.

As a student at Cornell University, Frank Plummer was inducted into the first pledge class of Alpha Phi Alpha, the black fraternity that would later count among its members Martin Luther King Jr. and W.E.B. Du Bois. He named his daughter in honor of the fraternity's founders, known as the seven "jewels." Her middle name honors Isadora Duncan, the founder of modern dance.

Cobb viewed a science career as a lifelong opportunity to indulge her childhood curiosity. As a small child, she liked to mix household products such as "bath lotion, vinegar, soap powder, cleanser and catsup" in sealed bottles. She would hide these concoctions under the clawfoot bathtub for a few weeks, checking back to see how they evolved.

She grew up with an extensive home library including science books and medical journals. Dinner conversation often revolved around her father's work at Provident Hospital, which served the African-American community, and examples of African-American achievement, from pioneering heart surgeon Daniel Hale

Williams to her mother's brother Robert Cole, a well-known composer of musical theater. The weekly Chicago Defender chronicled the family's social engagements and annual trips to Idlewild, Mich., a popular vacation spot for affluent African-Americans.

Even in this environment of privilege, however, segregation and discrimination were never far away. Cobb started her education at a predominantly white elementary school, but, after a racially motivated redistricting, was transferred to an overcrowded, dilapidated school in another neighborhood. The University of Chicago sent its African-American medical students and interns to Provident Hospital for training because, Cobb later wrote, "It was unthinkable then that a black medic would touch a white patient."

In a high-school biology class, Cobb wrote, she "took one look through the microscope and a whole new world opened up." After high school, she enrolled at the University of Michigan. But while the biology curriculum was top-notch, African-American students were not allowed to live in the dormitories. Nor were they welcome in the most popular restaurants or the largest fraternities and sororities. Fed up, Cobb transferred to historically black Talladega College in Alabama and graduated in 1944 with a bachelor's degree in biology.

Cobb earned her master's degree and doctorate in cell physiology at New York University, writing her thesis on the skin pigment melanin and its relation to the fast-growing skin tumors known as melanomas. In 1950, she won a post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Louis Wright, chief of surgery at Harlem Hospital and a pioneer in chemotherapy research. In this and subsequent appointments at the University of Illinois, NYU and Sarah Lawrence, she learned new techniques for growing and analyzing human tissue. She also collaborated and co-published on research that compared the impact of chemotherapy agents on patients, referred to as *in vivo*, and on cancer cells grown *in vitro*, in the laboratory.

In 1954, she married Roy Cobb, who worked in the insurance industry, and Jonathan, now a physician in New Jersey, was born in 1957. Jewel and Roy Cobb divorced in 1964.

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—TIMOTHY
YARBORO '75

Cobb's arrival at Connecticut College coincided with a growing emphasis on research by science faculty. She established her laboratory in New London Hall and continued to study the growth and morphology of cancer cells. As her administrative duties became more pressing, she formed the habit of doing lab work in the early morning, and she mentored a succession of undergraduate assistants, male and female, black and white.

Lynn Cooley '76, who is white, worked with Cobb in the summer of 1974. Today, as a professor of genetics at Yale Medical School, Cooley does research in developmental cell biology using fruit flies. "(Cobb's) lab taught me how to dissociate cardiac tissue from chicken embryos, culture cells in dishes, and film — with actual film — the beating of heart cells in vitro," Cooley says. "It was a transformative experience for me since it helped me realize how much I love experimental science."

In 1973, Cobb established a one-year post-baccalaureate, pre-medical program at the College for students of color who had graduated from other institutions. The program, reportedly the first of its kind in New England, financed a year of science courses plus counseling, tutoring and other support services. In a 1989 *Sage* journal article titled "A Life In Science: Research and Service," Cobb wrote that the program enrolled about 40 students in six years, of whom 90 percent went on to medical or dental school at universities that included Yale, Rutgers and George Washington.

"Dean Cobb is always on our minds, particularly when we come to campus," says Timothy Yarboro '75, speaking for himself and other African-American students of the era.

Yarboro remembers his surprise at meeting Cobb. "I didn't know there were minorities in positions like hers," he says. He was planning to major in anthropology, but Cobb had other ideas. "She came to me and said, 'You should be applying to medical school.'"

Today, Yarboro is a physician with a family practice in Arlington, Va. "Had I not met her, I would not have gone to medical school," he says. "I would not have become a doctor. Because of her, I knew it was possible."

Her influence extended beyond students in the sciences. Kevon Copeland '76 was a first-generation college student. "I thought Jewel Plummer Cobb was the leader of the College," he says.

Copeland is now a senior business development

specialist for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and a member of the College's Board of Trustees. "Seeing this regal African-American woman, a woman of science, on campus made a strong statement to me about the school I had decided to attend; that I, by association, was valued," he says. "She spoke to me on campus, so I was visible."

Cobb was strong and outspoken. She set high expectations, particularly for students of color, and in the words of several people who knew her, "she did not suffer fools."

Estella Johnson, who worked in Cobb's office, once took time off during exams and remembers Cobb's reaction. "She called me up and said, 'Where are you? I expected you to be here.' She didn't let you off."

"She wouldn't go along just to get along," says Robert Hampton, who joined the College as an instructor of sociology in 1974 and became the second African-American dean of the College, in 1987. "In my experience with Jewel, it might be called tough love. She was not one to take excuses."

She opposed the Vietnam War and spoke at anti-war demonstrations in New London. She was also a fervent feminist. In a 1971 commencement address at Wheaton College, she called on American colleges to explore "the tremendous body of knowledge that lies untapped in the whole area of women's studies." In 1975, after chairing a conference on minority women in the sciences, she wrote that the women in attendance had "the double oppression of sex and race or ethnicity plus the third



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT RICK COHN '75 ENJOYS COBB'S REACTION TO A 1975 MAY DAY PRANK WHEN STUDENTS PACKED HER OFFICE WITH 2,000 BALLOONS.

oppression in the chosen career, science.”

Cobb emphasized the commonality of the women’s movement and the civil rights movement and urged the two groups to collaborate. But her top priority was clear in a poignant 1971 interview with *The Day*: “Women’s lib aims to raise the level of female consciousness among females,” she said. “The black movement is composed of people who need no consciousness-raising to know they are black and the underdog.”

Faculty and staff reactions to Cobb ranged from supportive to critical. One emeritus faculty member says her impact on campus culture was minimal. “In my memory, Jewel tried but never really got a sense of what the College was like and therefore was not very influential,” he says.

Some African-American students wanted Cobb to be a more vocal advocate for minority students. Jonathan Cobb says she was “between a rock and hard place,” trying to support students of color while representing the interests of the entire student body.

For example, in May 1971 when 25 members of the Afro-American Society barricaded themselves in Fanning Hall until President Shain agreed to recruit more black students, she did not comment publicly. But after the crisis, she was a key driver of the Commission on Racial Relations, which won a resolution from the Board of Trustees to hire more black faculty.

“I think she did as well as she could do by us as minority students,” Estella Johnson says.

Timothy Yarboro agrees. “She wasn’t just the dean of minorities,” he says. “She had all the weight and gravitas of the entire college.”

Numerous press releases and news articles document her involvement in outside organizations for the advancement of women’s education and black education, for state and local initiatives, and as a member of several corporate and nonprofit boards. She received many honors and awards and was a

frequently invited speaker.

One of her most influential appointments was in 1974, when she became the first woman of color appointed on the National Science Board, which oversees the National Science Foundation (NSF). She immediately established an ad hoc committee on women and minorities in the sciences, which subsequently became a standing committee.

The College’s Science Leaders Program, funded by the NSF, can be seen as a direct descendent of Cobb’s decades on the National Science Board advocating for underrepresented groups. The College’s first cohort of 17 Science Leaders graduated this spring (see page 3).

Although her public persona could be severe, in private Cobb showed a very different side. She often hosted dinner parties at her home, a College-owned house on Williams Street. “All of us would forever be smiling, laughing and joking,” says K. Michael Talbot, who earned a master’s degree in history from the College in 1976 and became friends with Cobb.

She socialized with a group of young faculty including Professor of Physics Tom Ammirati and his wife, Theresa, now the College’s dean of studies. “She may have been aloof with strangers, but in our relationship she was fun and funny,” Theresa recalls. “She was warm, generous, a great cook and a great poker player.”

Slender and attractive, Cobb was known for her fashionable clothes.

In graduate school at New York University, she belonged to the Society for the Prevention of Dowdiness among Women Scientists. “She had a presence,” Johnson says. “I remember someone saying that Jewel Cobb ‘traversed a room.’”

Earl-Rodney Holman ’76 was at her house one day and saw a Bergdorf-Goodman



EARL-RODNEY HOLMAN '76, RIGHT, AND LE ROY JONES '76 GIVE COBB FLOWERS AT HER FAREWELL GATHERING IN 1976.

advertisement Cobb had clipped from the New York Times for a designer outfit she was planning to buy. "That set in motion my interest in fashion, advertising, retail sales and marketing that became my career direction many years later," says Holman, a fashion and retail consultant in Washington, D.C.

Cobb went out of her way to make young faculty feel welcome. She often invited Robert Hampton and his young family to Sunday brunch. Similarly, Scott Warren, now the Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor Emeritus of Botany, remembers Cobb as "very gracious. We were both doing tissue culture. She took an interest in my work and asked me about it."

Cobb's generosity led to Estella Johnson's first job, as an academic adviser in the office of the dean of arts and sciences at the University of Rochester. "Jewel met the dean at a conference and came back with the job description," Johnson says. "The interview was in Boston at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Jewel gave me gas money to get to the interview."

When Kevon Copeland's family came from Pittsburgh for his graduation, he hosted and cooked a dinner at the home of Charles Chu, professor of Chinese. He invited Cobb, but thought she would be too busy to attend. Instead, "she engaged my grandmothers, parents, brothers and neighbors from home throughout the evening," he says. "My family, particularly my mother, valued her kindness. That evening propelled me after graduation as an alumnus committed to Connecticut College."

After Cobb left the College, she seemed to fade quickly from the collective campus memory. Alice Johnson succeeded her as dean of the College, and Cobb's post-baccalaureate program ended a few years later. She was briefly referenced in Noyes' 1982 book, "A History of Connecticut College," and not at all in Paul Marthers' "Eighth Sister No More," a

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— TRUSTEE KEVON
COPELAND '76

comprehensive history of the transition to coeducation published in 2010.

In 1994, President Claire Gaudiani '66 bestowed an honorary degree on Cobb, and last year the College's Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity honored her at a Centennial conference on diversity. Still, many alumni of the era feel that the College has not sufficiently recognized Cobb's contributions.

Trustees Johnson and Copeland represent one of the most visible aspects of her legacy — a life-changing impact on individual students. Jocelyn Briddell, the College's dean of student life, knew Cobb at

Douglass College, when Briddell was a student there. "She was always asking me questions," Briddell recalls. "I said that I didn't know what I wanted to do in life. And she said, 'The next time I talk with you, you will know.' And she was right. She was always there for me."

If Cobb were to visit campus today, she would see a very visible difference in the campus community, which this year encompassed 19 percent students of color and 24 percent faculty of color. Under the leadership of President Lee Higdon and Armando Bengochea, who holds the combined position of dean of the College and chief diversity officer, the College has broadened the definition of diversity and introduced an array of related initiatives, including the establishment of an LGBTQ Resource Center, a partnership with the Posse Foundation to recruit inner-city students, participation in the Mellon Mays Foundation Undergraduate Fellowship program, and expansion of Unity House staff and programming.

Equally dramatic changes are taking place in the classroom. Over the past five years, academic departments, including English, French, economics and sociology, have worked to infuse their courses and curricula with diverse and global perspectives.

Over near the Arboretum there's another transformation, coincidental but supremely appropriate: The wood-frame house at 740 Williams St., where Cobb lived for seven years, is now home to the gender and women's studies department and the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity. ■



See a video about Jewel Cobb's life at <http://cwhf.org/inductees/science-health/jewel-plummer-cobb>. Click on "inductee tribute film" on the upper right side of the page.



VAPOURS

by Amy Martin

PIECING TOGETHER THE CERAMIC ART OF PROFESSOR DENISE PELLETIER

ITS 1,000 PORCELAIN PIECES HAVE TRAVELED from Wisconsin to Connecticut to Sweden, and this spring Associate Professor of Art Denise Pelletier's site-specific ceramic work, "Vapours," settled into its permanent home at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

The room-sized installation, part of the MFAH's new ceramics collection, is composed of 1,000 invalid feeders, also known as sick cups. The objects are modeled after the 19th- and early-20th-century versions used to feed patients before the use of drinking straws and intravenous feeding equipment. Pelletier created the ceramic works in 2000 while she was a resident artist at the Kohler Co. in Sheboygan, Wis. Using antique feeders as models for molds, she made successive iterations of the originals, inventing small changes in each new piece and crafting them from the same materials used in the Kohler factory for sanitary ware such as toilets and sinks.

Pelletier has used the porcelain pieces in a series of works that "describe the power and susceptibility of the body through a metaphor of function," she says. The first installation, "For Mary," was inspired by her mother's battle with cancer. It featured exactly 1,000 invalid feeders suspended from the ceiling and lined on the floor at the John Slade Ely House Center for Contemporary Art in New Haven, Conn. A new version of the piece, with the same feeders suspended at different heights, was installed at Skulpturens Hus in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2005.

In Houston, "Vapours" was on exhibition through June 3 in "Shifting Paradigms in

Contemporary Ceramics: The Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio Collection," which included nearly 160 works of modern and contemporary ceramics collected by Clark and Del Vecchio over five decades.

Because the exhibition space for the group show allowed only a portion of "Vapours" to be displayed, the installation included 600 of the 1,000 feeders, suspended between 10 and 20 feet above the ground. Pelletier says she was honored that one of the largest museums in the country holds her entire work in its permanent collection.

"Right now, my piece is there with King Tut," she said in March.

Using the same elements in new contexts to create different works reflects the notion that ceramic objects carry meaning and function through their use, Pelletier says. "The anonymous industrial object becomes personalized through touch, use and sentiment, collecting its value through time and context," she says.

Pelletier, who teaches sculpture and ceramics, says the medium allows her to combine her interests in history, literature, gender studies and anthropology.

"Most of my work starts with a historical reference of some kind — sometimes it's an object, sometimes a narrative, sometimes a place," the artist says. "I research it, mine elements from it, and expand upon it or react to it, intuitively creating a new way to see it. I borrow from literary, medical, industrial and sociopolitical sources, and I love to indulge the imagination by presenting recognizable form as something it is not." ■



ART DURITY '84



Support the College — with just pennies per day

A \$100 gift to the Annual Fund has immediate impact

WHEN THE RESIDENTS OF NEW LONDON

undertook the historic effort in 1911 to bring Connecticut College to their city, even children got involved, contributing their pennies to the fund that helped establish the College.

Today, pennies can still have that kind of impact — less than 28 pennies a day, in fact. That's a \$100 gift to the College through the Annual Fund, a gift that immediately goes to work as part of the College's operating budget to support virtually every aspect of a student's daily experience.

The importance of Annual Fund gifts in any amount cannot be overstated. The College would need an additional \$108 million in the endowment to generate the same amount of support provided by a \$5.4 million Annual Fund.

Annual Fund gifts are also celebrated as part of the Campaign for Connecticut College. More than 19,000 alumni, parents, staff, faculty and friends have given to the Annual Fund since the start of the Campaign. Please join them, knowing that a gift of \$100 — 28 pennies a day — can provide:

- Honorarium for a guest lecturer in the Holleran Center's gateway course
 - One heritage river birch for the Native Plant Collection
 - A portable hard drive to store varsity athletics photos
 - Ten LetterMPress apps for College-issued iPads in a graphic design course
 - Two thermometers for the composting program
 - One Kinect system to provide motion-sensing technology in motion-capture projects
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- Fees for five students to participate in the Emerging Leaders Program
 - Five lab coats
 - Membership in the Society of Ethnobiology
 - Fourteen vials of mutant *Drosophila* (fruit flies)
 - Four cases of 500 microcentrifuge tubes
 - Bystander violence prevention training for 25 students
 - Nine hours of Internet bandwidth for the entire campus
 - Annual subscription to a journal publication
 - Fees for two students to attend an LGBTQ leadership conference



Campaign countdown

With a year to go, the Campaign for Connecticut College continues to transform the campus

WITH JUST 12 MONTHS TO GO in the Campaign for Connecticut College, the Campaign's impact is already evident in every aspect of the College.

"I am humbled and deeply gratified by the generosity of alumni, parents and other friends of the College," President Lee Higdon says. "When we reach our \$200 million goal in June 2013, Connecticut College will be firmly established among the best of liberal arts colleges anywhere."

Support from the Campaign is helping the College build new connections, inspire new collaborations and expand the scope of this very personalized education. The College is raising the academic bar and providing the best of liberal arts education.

Campaign Chair Barbara Shattuck Kohn '72, who was on campus for Commencement when she was awarded the College Medal, says the campus is a visible representation of the Campaign's success.

"This gorgeous campus — with all the improvements achieved with support from the Campaign — signals right away that something very important is happening here," she says. "And when you can tear your eyes away from the beautiful campus, you see other evidence of a successful Campaign, including increased support for faculty and student research and programming, increased financial aid, and a vibrant and

interrelated residential academic community. I couldn't be more proud."

Campaign achievements include:

- Expanded international programs
- Endowments for academic positions, supporting excellence in teaching
- A state-of-the-art science center, to open this fall
- A new fitness center
- Complete renovation of two of the largest residence halls
- Renovated classrooms, common rooms, labs, studios and lecture halls
- New endowed scholarships and increased financial aid
- New programs to support and enhance diversity

The Campaign for Connecticut College wraps up June 30, 2013. There is still time to be involved — at every level. Already given? Give again! Participate in the Annual Fund and give every year. Include the College in your estate planning. We welcome your participation and appreciate your gifts. And always will.

A CONNECTICUT COLLEGE EDUCATION HAS BEEN OPENING DOORS AND CREATING LEGACIES FOR 100 YEARS AND COUNTING.

We invite you to create your own legacy — it is as simple as including the College as a beneficiary of your will, trust or retirement account. It doesn't affect your current cash flow or assets and it's easy to revise if your circumstances change.

Best of all, your support can help provide a Connecticut College education that opens doors for tomorrow's students!



For more information, contact Ken Dolbashian, senior planned giving officer, at 860-439-2416 or kdolbash@conncoll.edu.

Generosity in a major scale

With alumna's gift of new pianos, College becomes an All-Steinway School

JORDAN HILLMAN '13 positions his fingers above the piano keys with a keen sense of anticipation. He has performed for most of his life, but says he still gets nervous right before playing for an audience.

"I want the music the audience hears to be as rich and beautiful as the music in my head," Hillman says. "Once I'm ready, I pause for a moment and try to clear my head. Then I touch the keys and lose myself in the music."

Hillman's dedication and passion are characteristic of Connecticut College students who deeply value the opportunities they have to develop their many talents, says Margaret Thomas, associate professor of music and chair of the department. It's a commitment expressed in every note played on campus, she adds.

That commitment struck a chord with Nancy Marshall Athey '72 and husband Preston Athey, who recently made a commitment of their own: an \$855,000 gift that will elevate Connecticut College to distinction as an "All-

Steinway School" by infusing the College's comprehensive music education program with these top-quality pianos.

"Music plays a big role in our life together, and we want to share this love of music with the students and faculty of Connecticut College," Nancy Athey says. "I was a history major, but music was always an important part of my college experience. For me, the All-Steinway project will do more than enhance musical performances for all of the performing arts; it also will ensure the quality of music education now and make the school even more attractive to gifted musicians in the future."

The Atheys' generous gift will support a five-year plan to purchase 16 new Steinway pianos, including two magnificent concert grand pianos for Evans Hall and Palmer Auditorium; 11 grand pianos for Harkness Chapel, Fortune Hall, Oliva Hall, and practice and teaching spaces in Cummings Arts Center; and three upright pianos for smaller practice rooms in Cummings. The



JORDAN HILLMAN '13 PLAYS THE STEINWAY CONCERT GRAND IN EVANS HALL AT THE SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT.

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gift also supports renovation of the College's 14 other pianos and lays the groundwork for the broader College community to support the necessary ongoing care and maintenance needed to retain the All-Steinway designation.

Quality instruments are fundamental to music and music education. The Atheys' gift will extend students' and professors' ability to perform, practice and teach. It's an investment in the future of music at Connecticut College that perfectly complements the College's long-standing tradition of music pedagogy.

"The key to music education in the liberal arts environment is that our students — whether they are music majors or majors in any other discipline — all want music to be an ongoing part of their lives," says John Anthony, professor of music and College organist. "Music is a lifelong undertaking and a lifelong gift. And that, truly, is the glory of music."

For students like Hillman, a music major with a concentration in composition, piano quality is everything. "I love the clear, singing tone of these instruments, and the way the keys respond to the slightest change in touch," he says. "When I play on the College's best Steinways, I sit down for hours on end and become fully absorbed in what I'm doing."

The first new Steinways will arrive on campus in the fall, and the College is planning an event to mark the "All-Steinway School" distinction.



Why I Give

TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

THE "18TH STREET GANG," ALL CLASS OF 1963, ARE, FROM LEFT, BACK ROW: LONNIE JONES SCHORER AND SUSAN HALL VECCHIA; FRONT ROW: CAROLYN BOYAN RAYMOND, DEBBIE MORRIS KULLBY AND LINDA OSBORNE.

Why did you choose Connecticut College?

It pretty much chose me. My high-school biology teacher graduated from Connecticut College, and she called Robert Cobbledick, the director of admission, to say, "You can't let this young girl go to another school." Dean Cobbledick worked hard to make sure that didn't happen.

What did you like most about the College?

I loved the sense of community. Dean Gertrude Noyes, for example, was always available; she had an open-door policy. Plus there were two of the country's best academics in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature here, Dorothy Bethurum and Rosemond Tuve — an amazing combination if there ever was one.

Why did you choose to fund a term scholarship?

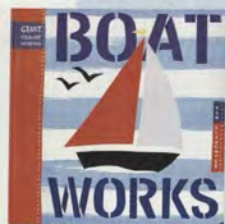
It seemed like the right thing to do at this stage of my life. I want to change someone's life in the way that Dean Cobbledick changed mine. There are so many ways to give, and each dollar has a direct impact on a student's life.

And you've named it in honor of the classmates you roomed with on 18th Street in Washington, D.C., after graduation.

I'm hoping the "18th Street Gang Scholarship" will honor each of us. It is also a reminder that 50 years ago, while the world may have been a different place for women, we received a first-rate education and went on to lead amazing lives — and that is worth celebrating.

Linda Osborne '63

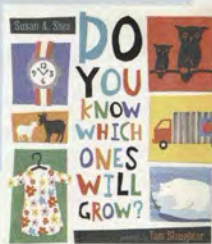
Linda Osborne was a writer and public relations consultant for the health care industry in San Francisco for more than 30 years. She now lives in Santa Fe, N.M., enjoying the mix of culture, beauty and interesting people.



Boat Works and Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?

Tom Slaughter '77

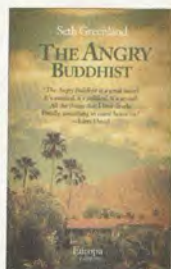
Slaughter, whose prints are in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art, has carved out a successful career as an author and illustrator of children's books. The cheerful paintings and simple clues of his most recent book, "Boat Works" (2012, *Blue Apple Books*, \$13.99), prompt kids to unfold pages into big posters of five different vessels and a lively harbor scene. "Do You Know" (2011, *Blue Apple Books*, \$16.99), his collaboration with writer Susan A. Shea, received the 2012 Notable Children's Book Award from the Association for Library Service to Children. Its interactive design will charm and challenge kids as they learn the difference between living and non-living things.



The Angry Buddhist

By Seth Greenland '77
2012, *Europa Editions*, \$16

An ex-cop, a criminal and a congressman walk into Greenland's latest novel, about a crisis that could destroy them all. In an election year, this biting satire of American family and politics is especially timely.



Ben Has Autism, Ben is Awesome

By Meredith Zolty '97
2011, *Jason and Nordic Publishers*, \$10.49

Zolty, whose son is autistic, wrote this book to help parents discuss autism with their children and understand that with their challenges come unique strengths and abilities.

Dance and Somatics: Mind-Body Principles of Teaching and Performance

By Julie A. Brodie and Elin Clark Lobel '87

2012, *McFarland*, \$55

Lobel, associate professor of kinesiology at Towson University, explains the importance of somatic techniques in improving dance students' efficiency and ease of movement.

Evenfall

By Liz Michalski '90

2011, *Berkley Publishing Group*, \$15
Told from the perspectives of a young woman, her aunt and a benevolent ghost in their rural home, this is a literally haunting tale of regret, love and loss, and making peace with the living and the dead.

Fire Works in the Hamptons

By Celia Jerome (Barbara Metzger '66)
2011, *DAW Books*, \$7.99

In the latest Willow Tate novel, the heroine tries to track down an arsonist who may be of her own creation.



Foundations of Homeland Security: Law and Policy

By Martin J. Alperen '80
2011, *John Wiley & Sons*, \$89.95

In this guide to understanding the structure of homeland security, Alperen, an attorney, offers a vital contribution to the effort to protect the rights of American citizens.

Litchfield: The Making of a New England Town

By Rachel Carley '76
2012, *Litchfield Historical Society*, \$75
Carley, an architectural historian, tells the lively history of the buildings and landscapes of Litchfield, Conn., in a richly illustrated volume that does justice to one of the state's most picturesque towns.

Little Night

By Luanne Rice '77
2012, *Pamela Dorman Books/Viking*, \$26.95

Rice's 30th novel is an emotional and suspenseful tale of two sisters, estranged by a long-ago betrayal, and the niece who tries to mend the broken family ties. One sister is also featured in a short



story in Rice's first eSpecial, **How We Started** (2012, Viking, \$3.99). Another short story catches up with Rory of "The Silver Boat" (2011).

Looking for Comfortable Shoes

By Jackie Ganem '55
2011, *iUniverse*, \$18.95

Ganem's story of her Lebanese family is one of change — the cultural change of immigrating to the U.S. and the dramatic personal change brought about by a family tragedy — and, ultimately, one of triumph.

Newton Stop!

By Quinta Scott '63
2011, *self-published e-book* (*NewtonStop.com*), \$1.97

Scott, a photographer, converted photos of Newton, "a great cat, but not always a good cat," into black-and-white drawings. Kids (and cat-loving adults) will love Scott's rhyming tale and can opt to color in her pictures.

The Post-Secular in Question: Religion in Contemporary Society



Edited by David Kyuman Kim, et al.
2012, *New York University Press*, \$50
Essays in this collection consider a global resurgence

of public religious expression and whether the world has left secularization behind. Kim is associate professor of religious studies and American studies.



The Sleeping Partner

By Madeleine E. Robins '75
2011, *Plus One Press*, \$18.95
Set in 19th-

century London, the third mystery in Robins' Sarah Tolerance series revolves around a scrappy heroine's search for a missing girl in the city's seedy underworld.

'Something Pretty, Something Beautiful'

in *The Best American Mystery Stories* 2011

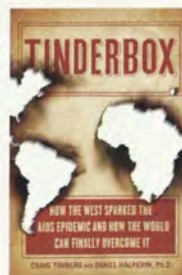
By Eric Barnes '90
2011, *Mariner*, \$14.95

As four bored teenagers commit escalating crimes around Tacoma, Wash., they escape punishment but discover that they can't escape themselves.

Tinderbox

By Craig Timberg '92 and Daniel Halperin
2012, *Penguin Press*, \$29.95

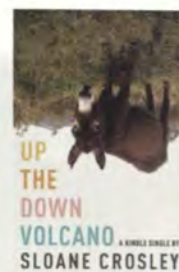
Timberg, who wrote extensively about AIDS as the Washington Post's Johannesburg bureau chief, pulls no punches in this provocative account of the epidemic's origins and new ways the world can fight its spread.



Up the Down Volcano

By Sloane Crosley '00
2011, *Kindle Single*, \$1.99

Chronicling her misadventures as she attempts to climb a volcano in Ecuador, Crosley joins the ranks of Bill Bryson in this hilarious and cringe-inducing essay.



The Wheel of Language: Representing Speech in Middle English Poetry, 1377-1422

By David K. Coley '98
2012, *Syracuse University Press*, \$29.95

Coley, assistant professor of English at Simon Fraser University, explores how authors used speech in poetry of the later Middle Ages to criticize and comment upon contemporary issues and politics.



Zapped

By Ann Louise Gittleman '71
2011, *HarperOne*, \$14.99

In her latest book, the nutritionist and alternative-health guru offers tips that she says will detoxify your home and protect your body from the electromagnetic fields of cell phones, laptops and other electronics.

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Follow the leader

*Pam Zilly '75 is the new chair of
the College Board of Trustees*

BOB MACDONNELL

EVEN THOUGH she was one of the first women to work on Wall Street in the 1970s, Pamela Zilly '75 doesn't dwell on the challenges she faced.

Zilly, who will succeed James S. Berrien '74 as chair of the Connecticut College Board of Trustees beginning July 1, is instead rather matter-of-fact about her career, which concluded in 2009 when she retired as senior managing director of The Blackstone Group L.P.

By the time Zilly arrived at Blackstone in 1991, where she became the first female partner in the firm's history, she had already logged years of ceiling-shattering accomplishments, first at a predominately male business school — Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University — and then at E.F. Hutton & Company Inc. and Chemical Bank.

"I wouldn't say it was easy," says Zilly, who started her career in 1977 at E.F. Hutton. "I just thought being a woman wasn't a big deal one way or another."

She admits, though, that men vastly outnumbered her for most of her career, a fact that remained true to the end.

"Sure, there were inequities, but I've always believed that if you can't stand something you should get out and find someplace else to go," Zilly says. "I also believed that I would succeed as long as I did my job and did it well."

Jamie O'Connell, a managing director in the Restructuring & Reorganization group at Blackstone, says his former boss is being modest if she downplays her role as a female leader on Wall Street.

"She was way ahead of her time," O'Connell says. "She was a real leader, very hard working, really a ground-breaker. She was one of the few female partners on Wall Street, let alone at Blackstone."

Zilly served as a mentor to him, O'Connell says, and many others at the firm.

"The level of respect she had for younger people on Wall Street was very unusual, almost unparalleled in this cutthroat environment," O'Connell says. "She would give people a lot of rope and ultimately would be your champion. As a result, people here had a tremendous amount of loyalty to her."

Zilly and her husband, John Schaefer, who retired from Morgan Stanley in 2006, divide their time between New York City, Martha's Vineyard and Palm Beach. In addition to their volunteer work — he sits on the board of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater — the couple make frequent visits to the ballet and theater while in New York. They spend summers on Martha's Vineyard, where Zilly is a self-described "beach bum who could sit on the beach and read and swim every day."

But, she says, they are still "wrestling with the retire-

ment issue": How do you make a difference somewhere?

"After you work for 32 years, you're apt to describe yourself by where you worked," she says, adding that she plans to incorporate more volunteer work, probably for not-for-profit organizations, into her retirement life. A big part of her new life will be her commitment to help lead the College, a process that began in 2005 when she was first elected to the Board of Trustees.

"I think I'm very fortunate to become the chair at the time I am because the College is in a tremendously good place," Zilly says. "I see my role as continuing that momentum and working to make sure the College is in a better place at the end of my chairmanship."

Berrien says he has no qualms about turning leadership over to Zilly, whom he described as the "exact right person for what has to happen next" at the College, which is in the final year of a \$200 million fundraising campaign that is already transforming the campus and the student experience.

"Pam is strategic, smart, demanding, generous and very funny," Berrien says. "She is gifted in her ability to weigh in at the right time in the right way. I'd call it a quiet confidence."

One event stands out, Berrien says, when he thinks about Zilly. When the College was raising money for a new fitness center, Zilly made the final anonymous gift that allowed the \$8 million project to go forward.

"It was a big number and it was her," Berrien says. "At the time, she didn't want any credit for it. That's her. She works hard and quietly and is not doing it for the headlines."

Zilly grew up in Barrington, R.I., as the youngest child of Ralph and Dorothy Zilly. Her father worked in administration at Brown University for most of her childhood, but the family moved to Pennsylvania when she was a junior in high school after her father got a new position at Penn State.

Zilly returned to New England after high school, following her sister Deborah Woodworth '72 to New London. She majored in economics and American history. The College had made the switch to coeducation by the time she entered as a freshman, Zilly says, but it still felt like women were "running the place," a fact that gave her confidence later in life.

"The message to the men was, 'We welcome you, but don't think you're taking over in class or anything. And we're probably still smarter than you,'" she says, laughing. "I kind of liked that." — *Beth Hamilton*

PAMELA ZILLY '75



ADAM DANIELS

HEATHER PINKETT '97

FOR SOME CANCER PATIENTS, chemotherapy treatment isn't an option. Their cells reject the drugs, dumping them before they can destroy the malignant material. Heather Pinkett '97 is working to change that.

An assistant professor of molecular biosciences at Northwestern University, Pinkett is one of only a few researchers in the world studying the structure of proteins in human cells called ABC transporters. These transporters are embedded in the walls of cells and act as pumps — carrying materials, including medicine and toxins, across cell membranes.

"In general, membrane proteins are the cell's gatekeepers, controlling how compounds get into or out of cellular compartments. It's the cell's first line of defense," Pinkett says.

But very little is known about why ABC transporters reject helpful medication in some patients and not others. Of the more than 1,000 transporters identified in all living things, the structure and details of just eight of them are known. Yet their ramifications are profound for everything from the treatment of cystic fibrosis to everyday infections: The growing resistance to antibiotics stems from the same transporters, which are increasingly able to recognize and pump out lifesaving drugs.

"Membrane proteins represent over 50 percent of drug targets, but we know very little about the structure — what they look like," Pinkett says. "I wanted to focus my research

Studying the cell's gatekeepers

Today's research by Heather Pinkett '97 could help her mentor's grandson tomorrow

on an area that would have a huge impact on human health. What's the next big question — something that's going to be relevant for the next 20, 30, 40 years?"

For David Lewis, the Margaret W. Kelly Professor of Chemistry and Pinkett's first research mentor, Pinkett's work recently became personally relevant. His 3-year-old grandson was diagnosed with an extremely rare ABC transporter mutation and has to spend much of each day on supplementary oxygen because the mutation negatively impacts his lung functioning.

"I was completely blown away. That personal link, it's the kind of information that pushes me on," says Pinkett, who counts Lewis as one of a handful of people who have profoundly influenced her career.

As a freshman at Connecticut College, Pinkett didn't set out expecting to major in biochemistry. But a psychology class that touched on the biology of the brain left her itching to learn more.

Lewis says Pinkett was an average student in his analytical chemistry class, but he saw her potential. Women and minorities are often underrepresented in the sciences, Lewis says, because they encounter barriers and may be reluctant to ask for help — a subject he has researched extensively. The summer after Pinkett's junior year, he offered her a chance to conduct research with him at Colgate University.

"It was an amazing research experience and the start of my research career," Pinkett says.

Lewis stayed in touch with Pinkett after graduation, when she entered the Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award program at the National Institutes for Health, where she was a researcher in biomedical sciences. Later he and his wife visited Pinkett while she was earning her Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biophysics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

"In a chemical reaction, catalysts lower energy barriers so molecules can get over those barriers faster," Lewis says. "My job as a teacher and research mentor is to lower the barriers so that students who have potential can get over the hang-ups in the way of their reaching that potential. Everything Heather has accomplished is the result of her efforts and her intelligence and her people skills. She's on fire." — Julie Wernau

The landscape of knowledge

Dave Rubin '85 is transforming a Roman hilltop — and the way we think about architecture

THE STORY OF HOW SOMEONE becomes an acclaimed artist and winner of the highest honor in his field is bound to include intangibles. But in the case of David Rubin '85, there are solid clues.

"I had an extraordinary awakening at Connecticut College," says Rubin, 2011-12 winner of the Rome Prize for Landscape Architecture. "It was there that I learned how to learn. ... The landscape of knowledge was mine to explore."

Today, Rubin is the creative force behind some of the country's most extraordinary landscape architecture, including a plaza at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, a three-block-long park in Washington, D.C., a hospital campus in Indianapolis, and the Potomac Park Levee on the National Mall.

For the Rome Prize fellowship — awarded annually to 30 individuals who represent the highest standard of excellence in the arts and humanities — Rubin is spending 11 months at the American Academy in Rome, where he is working to transform the hilltop academy south of the Vatican into a 21st-century, holistically sustainable campus, including growing its own foods.

Rubin, who majored in art and art history, likens his work at the American Academy to the multidisciplinary learning environment that he thrived in at the College, especially with faculty like Professors of Art Tim McDowell and Maureen McCabe and Professors of Art History Barbara Zabel and the late Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash.

"As a result of my education at Connecticut, I have been able to look at the world with a broad-spectrum view — a capacity to see in panorama, not myopically," says Rubin, who has returned to campus often to visit architectural studies classes. "These fine professors helped me exploit my newfound skill sets to their fullest."

McDowell recalls Rubin as an inspiration in the studio. "David knew inherently how to have a dialogue with process and medium, and I think he has become so successful exactly because of that skill," he says. McDowell adds that Rubin has "incredible optimism that lets him project to all: 'A solution will be found to the design problem at hand, and it will be fun finding it.' No wonder he has gone so far with his abilities."

Zabel, now professor emeritus, remembers Rubin as a "gem" of a student who remains a close friend.

"When David was a student, I was newly married and

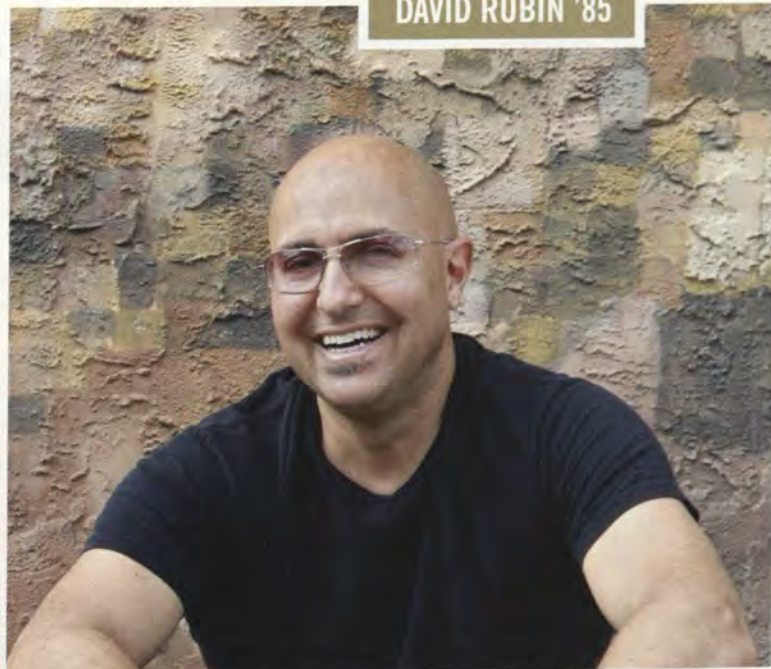
moved into a house bereft of any gardens to speak of," she says. "David designed several garden beds for me, and then proceeded to raid his mother's garden of some extraordinary plants, including yellow-burgundy lilies and black iris, which he planted in mine. They still bloom profusely every year, reminding me of his generosity — and his eye for design even then."

From his professor's gardens to the National Mall, Rubin, who recently founded Land Collective, a Philadelphia-based firm that will practice socially sustainable landscape architecture and urban design, says he strives for "creating a better world." In fact, his holistic vision for his parks, plazas and cityscapes shares much philosophically with a good liberal arts classroom.

"Landscape architecture invites participation from all sectors of society," Rubin says. "My goal is to create a space in which two very different types of people might come together — say a chemistry professor and a young protester — and as a result of the design I've created, they choose to sit next to each other in dappled shade on a comfortable bench. Sitting next to each other, they start a conversation, and as a result of that conversation, an idea is formed. And 10 years down the road, that idea saves the world."

— Bill Hanrahan

DAVID RUBIN '85



SAHAR COSTON

A push to the South Pole

In Antarctica, Keoki Flagg '87 photographs the unlimited potential of one man's body

IN MARCH 2010, Grant Korgan fractured his spine in a snowmobiling accident near Lake Tahoe. Less than two years later, when he pushed himself 75 miles across Antarctica to the South Pole, photographer Keoki Flagg '87 was there to capture it on camera.

The expedition was the culmination of a year-long endeavor called The Push: A South Pole Adventure that took Korgan, Flagg and five others all over the world to train for their journey across one of the most hostile environments on the planet.

Flagg had doubts of the project's success, right up until the plane dropped the team on the icy continent in January.

"I don't remember ever in my adult life being so committed to something I wasn't sure I could do," he says.

"Keoki has had an illustrious career photographing people who are pushing their personal limits," says David Barber '88, a close friend since college. "This time, instead of just capturing an athlete out of his comfort zone, he had to become one."

Towing six sleds, each loaded with more than 100 pounds of food, fuel and survival gear, The Push team faced temperatures down to minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit and winds up to 35 mph. Whiteouts enveloped them for almost

four days, making navigation a near impossibility. Trekking across this desolate terrain, where nothing but snow and ice marked their progress, Flagg marveled at Korgan's strength.

"Imagine sitting in a cardboard box on a carpeted floor, and then pulling yourself across the room with two sticks," Flagg says. That is essentially what Korgan did, 10 hours per day for the 12 days of the expedition, with ski poles and a sit ski, a device crafted for parathletes that consists of a seat mounted on two skis.

"If Grant can do that," Flagg asks, "what can't you do?"

Flagg, who grew up in Hawaii and traveled with his family for several years of his childhood, says Connecticut College grounded him mentally and physically for his future adventures. A studio art major and history minor, Flagg chose not to study abroad as a junior — a decision, he says, that helped him focus on campus endeavors and, after graduation, fully concentrate on his photography projects, taking assignments one at a time.

With a home base and gallery in California near Lake Tahoe, Flagg has photographed skiers and adventurers on all seven continents and published his work in magazines such as National Geographic Adventure, Outside and Audubon. But he said Korgan's tenacity gave him new perspective on his own progress as an artist and as a person.

"I've been working for all these magazines for the last 20 years, and I cannot compare this journey to anything I've ever done," Flagg says.

Flagg spoke about The Push on campus in April as part of TEDxConnecticutCollege, where he reflected on how the expedition affected his life and career (see story, page 11).

"I'm realizing that to really be a relevant artist and grow on the world platform, it's not about what you essentially do, but why you do it," he says.
— Monica Raymunt '09

KEOKI FLAGG '87



ROBERT MILLER

KEOKI FLAGG '87, FAR RIGHT, AND THE PUSH TEAM POSE AT THE SOUTH POLE IN JANUARY. TO VIEW A SLIDESHOW OF FLAGG'S PHOTOS OF THE TRIP, VISIT [HTTP://CCONLINE.CONNCOLL.EDU](http://cconline.conncoll.edu).

This project is **personal**

New London Hall goes green with the help of Sarah Nugent '10

WITH HER PASSION FOR SUSTAINABILITY, environmental studies major Sarah Nugent '10 was a natural for a job as a green-building consultant. Now that job has brought her back to campus — as a sustainability consultant on the renovation and expansion of historic New London Hall to create a new science center.

"It really has been such a great transition from college to the working world to have this type of connection," she says.

In the summer of 2009, Nugent did a college-funded internship at Steven Winter Associates Inc., a Norwalk, Conn.-based firm that specializes in energy efficiency, master planning, and sustainable, whole-building strategy consulting. A year later, after graduation, the firm offered her a job. Now she and her colleagues are working with architecture and construction firms to make the new New London Hall as green as possible.

Nugent reviews and tracks materials for the project's application for LEED certification. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a rating system for verifying a building project's overall energy efficiency and other environmental factors.

The \$25 million project is restoring some of the building's original grandeur by removing the unsightly fire escape that faced Tempel Green; replacing copper flashing and downspouts and the slate roof; and removing drop ceilings to restore each floor's dramatic original height.

Unseen but equally important for Nugent is the geothermal heating and cooling system buried under the Green that could reduce New London Hall's estimated energy consumption up to 30 percent; the system will be a significant factor in LEED certification. Other environmentally friendly features include ecofriendly external building materials and new showers in the building's basement, which are expected to encourage more faculty and staff to bike to work.

The Connecticut College project is just one of several Nugent is working on. She specializes in LEED for new construction consulting for commercial buildings, beginning with the design phase and continuing through the end of construction.

As a student, Nugent's interest in climate change took her across many disciplines, from botany to architecture and art history. The environmental studies program's interdisciplinary approach allows students to grapple with huge issues, such

as climate change, and interpret them in different ways, she explains.

"Climate change action isn't something cut in stone, or something black and white," she says.

Her education helps her in many facets of her job, she adds.

"Without my writing and communication skills, I would be in way over my head," Nugent says. "Ninety-nine percent of the time I am the youngest person on the project team, and many team members have been in their fields for decades. That can be daunting. But good teamwork and communication skills really are the name of the game in LEED, just as they were at Conn."

Nugent is pleased to see her alma mater embrace green-building practices.

"I understand Conn's goals and values," she says. "Our College's commitment to community and sustainability are really embodied in this project, and I have the opportunity to further those ends by being a part of this team."

— Jordan Thomas '15

SARAH NUGENT '10



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class notes

1935

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Is there a member or relative of the Class of '38 who is willing to expensively sell her class ring to a member who deeply regrets the loss of her own ring? If so, please contact the Class Notes coordinator at ccmag@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2500.

1940

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My son took me to NYC for my 93rd birthday, and we saw Kevin Spacey in "Richard III" in the Harvey Theater at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It was a three-and-a-half-hour production and was excellent. What a treat!

Martha Young Youngquist is still on the farm in TX, with her daughter in a nearby town. One of her sons is in Baltimore, and another son lives in the Lake Superior area. Martha spends her summers there and loves the area. Outside of church, she doesn't get out to do much.

Betsy Pfeiffer Wilburn lives in a retirement community in Baltimore. Her son is in nearby Chevy Chase. Betsy loves visiting her daughter and family, especially at Christmas, in their lovely brownstone home in Brooklyn.

Barbara Wynne Secor is still in Vero Beach. She was thrilled to attend the recordings of the Metropolitan Opera's series "Live in HD," and of the 11 performances, she has seen nine so far, with two more to look forward to. Barbara enjoys reading, bridge and keeping up with the political scene on TV.

Marjorie (Gerry) Willgoos Betts lives in an independent senior retirement facility in Southwick, MA. She enjoys all card games there — bridge, canasta and cribbage. Gerry is legally blind and uses aids to read. Her granddaughter is in Cape Town, South Africa, on a work visa for five years. She works at safari resorts and teaches yoga; her company is installing a yoga platform in

the bush, and she is arranging a package of two safari rides and two yoga lessons for patrons. Gerry's sister, Alice Willgoos Ferguson '46, lives in Denver.

1941

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The College has provided me with a list of '41 classmates, some of whom have not been contacted recently. There are 57 names, some lacking phone numbers and even addresses. I need your help in locating them; in future, look for some names of missing classmates at the bottom of the column.

Lois Altschul Aaron is first on the list. When I called her in Cleveland, I found her in good spirits, in spite of all the snow. Lois has two grandsons in CA, an artist and a musician. Her son lives in Manhattan, and her daughter and granddaughter, who was born on Lois's birthday, live in Northampton, MA. For her granddaughter's 16th birthday, Lois

planned to fly to Northampton so they could celebrate together. While there, Lois also hoped that her daughter and **Sally Kisadden McLelland**'s son might help her pay a visit to Sally, who is in Great Barrington, MA. Lois is in a condo and still drives and uses her computer.

Janet Bunyan Kramer is still in the house that she and her late husband built in '76. Her late daughter lived next door with Janet's grandchildren, and the house is still owned and occupied by family. Janet owns and uses a computer and is a devoted reader of the New York Times. She walks Harry, her long-haired dachshund, around the block every day. She calls it "the neighborhood patrol."

I reached **Doris Goldstein Levinson** as she was leaving for an appointment, but she had enough time to tell me she

could still walk and talk. She lives in an independent-living facility in Mystic, CT. She has been in her condo for six years. After graduation, she spent two years earning a master's degree in sociology, which was one of her two majors in college, the other being economics. Then she taught at New London's Mitchell College, which was a two-year school at the time and is now a four-year college. Doris has two sons: One is a professor at the U. of Illinois; the other has a law degree from the U. of Connecticut and an MBA from Columbia U. and he worked in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

I phoned **Dorothy Boschen Holbein** at her former address in Auburndale, MA, and learned from her son, Bruce, that Dorothy is living comfortably in a lovely assisted-living

facility in Bradenton, FL.

Virginia Chope Richmond enjoys all the activities available at the independent-living facility where she has an apartment. She is an avid mahjong player and had just returned from an afternoon of play when I phoned. She is also in a knitting group. Ginny still drives and belongs to a club near Bloomfield, MI, where she and Paul once owned a home, and where she still lives.

Cathy Elias Moore was on her way to FL when I last talked to her. She was planning to be gone a month.

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: Sally Pendergast McCance '08 celebrates her marriage to Pressly McCance with Rachael Cooke '08, Catherine Flint '08, Elizabeth Bennett '08, Caroline Coolidge '08, Alexandra Krottinger '08, Emma Stratton '08, Courtney Smith '08, Courtney Mayer '08, Jackie Wade '08, Steve Bright '08, Colby Tallman '08, Ashley Faber '08, Kyle Bartro '08 and Trudie Miller LaVigne '74.

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1944

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Mary Jean Moran Hart hopes these Class Notes can persuade **Martha Reid Hudson** to stay on '44's roster. Martha was in Vinal during freshman year and is remembered fondly. She is well known as a watercolorist.

Susan Chappell Strahn's husband replied for her: "She's living in Atria, an assisted-living facility, doing well health-wise; she enjoys the activities there and still loves animals."

Helen Johnston Shea has to have her mail read to her because she is virtually blind with AMD. Her son lives in Tucson, as does she, and her daughter lives in Dallas. Amazingly, she managed to write the return card herself — "What I really need is a good pen." Great sense of humor!

Ellie Abrahams Josephson writes: "Happily, I'm on the no-news team." She sends greetings to all.

Nancy Smith Lesure's biggest news is that she is busy getting her husband's 16th book ready for publishing. "Reflections on the Sea" is the culmination of his thoughts on 50 years of their cruising. She continues working as a travel agent, specializing in cruises.

Penny Decker McKee sadly reports that old age has stolen most of her mobility, leaving her in need of a cane and walker. "The days of modern dance with Miss Hartshorn are just a happy memory."

Edie Miller Kerrigan had a great trip to France, visiting children there, and another trip to Montreal to check on grandchildren at McGill U., returning home to the big snowstorm and three days without power. She returned to Naples, FL, and surgery on her right hip.

Bridget Bridgewater Hewes and Bill celebrated her 90th by reconnecting with a most favorite second cousin, a remarkable 96-year-old who is an inspiration to all. She lives in Fairfield, IA, with a daughter; in Chocura, NH, with another daughter; and winters in her own home in

Volunteer
Spotlight

Martha Gifford '73

Meg Gifford '73 practices law in New York City, where she lives with her husband, James Daniels, father of Caitlin Daniels Israel '93 and father-in-law of David Israel '92.



How did you decide to attend Connecticut College?

Two of my high-school teachers were Connecticut College alumnae, my mother's high-school teacher Helen Mulvey taught at Conn and a high-school friend was a student. Those were strong endorsements. My campus interviews, especially (former associate director of admission) Jane Bredeson's tremendous encouragement, clinched the decision.

Why do you volunteer?

I will always be grateful to Conn College for making it possible for me to get a first-rate education, expose me to the world in a safe environment, and provide me with lasting personal and professional connections. In my worldview, gratitude is not a passive emotion.

In what volunteer roles have you served?

I am honored to be a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. I've been an alumni class officer, reunion chair, admission

representative, class agent and class agent chair. I consider financial contribution to be an expression of volunteering, and I have been a donor since graduation.

Where are volunteers especially needed?

Help with fundraising is always welcome. Assisting with or hosting a local event is also an excellent way to volunteer. These activities are rewarding, fun and great excuses to get in touch with classmates. Everything you do not only assists the College but pays off in personal happiness!

Why is it important to give back?

It is more important than ever to help ensure the survival of one of the best liberal arts educations. Connecticut College produces graduates prepared to deal with the world in a way that other forms of higher education do not match.

“Gratitude is not a passive emotion.”

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Pompano Beach, FL, accompanied at all times by family.

Some sad news to report: After **Phyllis Miller Hurley** wrote to say she had bought an apartment in a retirement community in Austin, TX, we learned of her passing, on 3/13. The class sends condolences to her family.

1945

Correspondent: Ann LeLievre Hermann, 6809 Turban Court, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, annlehermann26@gmail.com

Lois (Toni) Fenton Tuttle responded to my request for your thoughts on the passage of our many years, and I want to share part of her "musings." "Every passing year I find myself more and more intrigued by the fact that I have to go almost to the front cover of our alumnae magazine to find our Class Notes. Could it possibly be that 67 years have elapsed since we proudly displayed our purple-and-gold class banner at our graduation?

"Our four years at Connecticut were certainly the most unusual. We entered as freshmen in Sept. of '41, just three short months before World War II was declared. I had a memorable experience on the night of Dec. 7. Dean Burdick had called before and asked if I would go on the Vox Pop program being held at the Coast Guard Academy. . . . It proved to be one of the most fascinating experiences of my lifetime. A color guard from

the academy picked me up at East House and escorted me down the hill. I was a nervous wreck at the thought of my little voice hitting the airways, so I was relieved to learn the program would not be live that night due to the overwhelming news that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Everyone there was in a state of shock. . . . I was escorted back up the hill to my dorm carrying a huge teddy bear, a vat of perfume I used for years, and a future date with the senior Coast Guardsman. Not bad for a kid who had recently celebrated her 17th birthday!"

Thank you, Toni, for sharing your memories. I will include more in a later issue, but for now, on to other news.

Anne McCarthy Garrison and **Earl** are both fine and still live at the same address in the same retirement community in Lower Gwynedd, PA. She sends greetings to all.

Both **Barbara Avery Jubell** and **Pat Feldman Whitestone** wrote saying they were well but would not be returning to Sanibel Island (near where I live) over the winter, and that meant our little threesome did not lunch in traditional style. Barb now lives in Vernon Hills, IL, near her daughter and family; Pat and Dorsey are still at home in Branford, CT.

Marcia (Jo) Faust McNees is a wonderful reporter! Jo and her niece, Tina (whom many of us have met at Re-

unions), attended the CC Fall Weekend, where they enjoyed hearing Jo's great-niece, Katrina Fuller Quick '10, sing in the chapel with an a cappella group. Jo also met **Ruth Veevers Mathieu**; they attended the Saturday morning celebration in the auditorium and lunch on the Green. They looked but didn't see any other '45 classmates. That evening, Jo enjoyed a major highlight — a wonderful fireworks display on Tempel Green celebrating the 100th birthday of the College! I am so proud that even one of our class was there.

For your own joy and inspiration, I urge you to go back and read "The Big Event: 100 Years of Great Beginnings," featured in the Winter 2011 issue of this magazine. Those of you with computers and Internet access can see videos of special moments like those that Jo enjoyed on campus.

Mariechen Wilder Smith is one busy lady. She has been selected to serve on the board of directors of Carolina Meadows, the continuing-care retirement community where she lives — quite an honor for one of her age! She still drives in her area day and night but not on interstates. She plays a little golf, does some yoga and exercise classes, walks, and each evening, her favorite gentleman friend, Kirk, arrives for cocktails and dinner with friends or as a twosome. Dinner, incidentally, is

usually in the dining room, as neither of them wants to wear the chef's hat. Both Kirk and Mariechen are grateful for good health and know that "life is good."

Marjorie Lawrence Weidig traveled to Raleigh, NC, in Nov. to be with daughter Jane for Thanksgiving. While there, Marje phoned Mariechen, and they had a good chat. Marje planned to be with son Blair and his family in the Boston area for Christmas.

I cannot close this column without sharing the fact that, on the day after Christmas, I, **Ann LeLievre Hermann**, crossed off an item from my bucket list. Six of us, including my granddaughter, Annalis Hermann '01, who was here from Morocco, traveled from Fort Myers to Orlando to visit the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I fulfilled my dream of flying on a broomstick amongst the castle turrets while playing Quidditch with Harry Potter and his friends! It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve were even more special, though less exciting, because we celebrated by having picnic suppers on the Sanibel Causeway beach as the sun was setting. Life just can't get better than that!

A sad note; in the last issue, I noted that **Alean Brisley Kress** had died in AK. It seemed especially sad to me because I have no recollection of her and just hope that other classmates were

her friends. Let us all send sympathy to her many family members.

Please send your news, preferably by email (but any mail is fine). I need all I can get for the next column!

1946

Correspondent: Janet Kennedy Murdock, 801 Yale Ave., Apt. 819, Swarthmore, PA 19081, janetmurdock@comcast.net

For these notes, I made a few phone calls to classmates I hadn't talked to in years. Those cold calls brought heartwarming responses in voices that sounded as young as ever. I wished that **Dana Davies Magee**, **Kate Niedecken Pieper**, **Skip Coughlin Rudolph**, **Barbara Caplan Somers** and I had all been together to share those conversations about where we live, how we are and what we do. They touched on the college friends we've lost, our close connections with our families, and even on the wonderful medical inventions that keep us going. Barbara does a lot of volunteer work on boards that help disadvantaged people, and she said that their activities are largely funded by the government, which is pulling back grants in this recession. She thought it might be interesting for our '46 column to highlight the volunteer activities of our classmates — including the ones they did in past years, as



From left, Peggy Rifkin Lehmann '66, Katherine Curtis Donahue '66 and Kay Landen '66 in Denver in Jan.



John Haberland '03 and his daughter Isobel find a camel at Disney World in Nov. 2011.



From left, Jane Gilbert Snyder '71, Jay Snyder and Anne Sigmond Curtis '71 at the Aug. wedding of Anne's daughter, Katie.

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well as the ones they do now. If the idea appeals to you, please think back over the years and write up a paragraph or two about a pet volunteer project of yours and send it to me. We might be surprised at the variety and scope of our helping hands and minds.

The sad part of writing this column is the need to report the death of two from our class: **Ellis Kitchell Bliss** died on 9/24 in Harpswell, ME, and **Ginger Niles Delong Kelley** died on 2/7 in Timonium, MD. We send our profound sympathy to the families of these two very special women.

1947

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Marilyn Nibecker Brinkman keeps very active in her life-care community in Vero Beach, FL, where her apartment is large enough for family get-togethers. She also hosts family gatherings at her summer place in Ontario, where she spends two months each year. She keeps in touch with her former roommate, **Mary Stecher Douthit**.

Frances O'Neil Kerr spent two years at CC, then finished her degree at Chatham College, closer to her home and boyfriend. She has lived in Latrobe, PA, for many years, recently downsizing to a townhouse. Her son is a Presbyterian pastor there, and she is involved in many church activities, as well as enjoying children and grandchildren.

Josephine Parisi Beebe was in FL when I called, updating and preparing her Sarasota apartment for rental. She lives in Niantic, CT, most of the year, where she is a psychologist (now working part time). Living near the College, she is able to participate in activities there, and she especially recommends the Flock Theatre, which produces Shakespeare plays in the Arboretum. She sponsors a scholarship at the College for foreign-born students.

Ann Perryman Burke lives in a

condo in Red Bank, NJ. She enjoys family visits and day trips and is active in her church, where she sings in the choir and helps with a soup kitchen.

Phyllis Peters Bellah still enjoys her old house in Norfolk, VA, where she has plenty of space for visits with family and friends. She helps with cooking for the homeless.

Barbara Pinchback Carter keeps in touch with Emily Abbey friends **Vivien Fauerbach** and **Artemis Blessis Ramaker**. '50. Barb belongs to Circle-Lets, a business and professional women's club, which meets once a month. She also belongs to a nearby senior center.

Janet Regottaz Bickal has seen every play **Estelle Parsons** has been in. Janet has also traveled extensively with **Gretchen Schafer Skelley** — they've seen most of Europe, Africa and the Near East. She had planned a cruise of our inland waterways with her daughter this spring.

Georgia Risk Burlen moved to a retirement home, as her late husband required special care. Her son, who has returned from overseas, and daughter each live within 40 minutes of their mom. Georgia enjoys her solitude and much reading.

Janice Roberts Wilford still lives in her house with her two cats. She does water aerobics but no longer teaches it.

She goes to NYC to visit her son and to attend the ballet. She also watches high-definition films of Metropolitan Opera productions at the theater at Fairfield U.

Helen Robinson Cavanagh and her husband are still in their house and are active volunteers in their church and with Meals on Wheels, as well as working in a thrift shop operated by churches in Baldwin County. They also supply transportation for those who need it to medical, dental and other appointments.

Gretchen Schafer Skelley has one of 14 cottages in Hart Mead Retirement Village. She enjoys playing Scrabble with **Janet Simmons Eblen**. Gretchen plays bridge at Town Country Club and also volunteers once a week at the West Hartford Library.

Susan Farnham Ford has been in a terrific retirement home for several months. She is most grateful for the nice, friendly people; the good care, which she requires; good food; and good bridge.

Constance Raymond Plunkett and husband Geof enjoy their ranch house in Middlebury, VT. Walking has replaced hiking and riding bicycles as their primary exercise. Both do a lot of reading. A daughter, her husband and their youngest son live within two blocks of the Plunketts; the two families enjoy dinner together once each week. It is a joy to have the three generations together.

1950

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Jan Doherty McCarthy winters in FL and spends the rest of the year in an old barn (which she remodeled) in Hingham, MA.

Lee Birdsall Callman still sings as a soloist and with her church choir in Rumson, NJ. One daughter lives in Seattle, and her son and other daughter live nearby in NJ.

Edmee Busch Reit spends her days archiving for the Metropolitan Museum in NYC, specializing in European sculpture and decorative arts. She also archives at the New York Society Library and keeps in touch with **Noelle Mercanton D'Aulnay**, who lives in Paris and has a daughter living in China.

Marilyn Raub Creedon loves condo life in Indianapolis. One new knee and two new hips keep her on the go, especially with the DAR, where she is an honorary vice president general for life. Her oldest daughter is a lawyer on the U.S. Armed Services Committee and is assistant secretary of defense for Global Affairs. Her other daughter



Nancy Beaney '88 and Jaime Arze '88 were married 9/10/11 in Wallingford, PA. From left, back row: Duncan MacDonald '88, Jennifer Taylor Berry '89, Philip Dolan '88, Dudley Kenefick De Saint Phalle '88, the bride and groom, Alexandra Ortiz Farrell '04, Tom Garvey '88, Anita Nadelson '88, Jennifer Krane Tarleton '88, Andrea Neiditz Silverstein '88, Victoria Johnson Sanborn '88 and Leslie Williams '88. Front row: Bill Warren '87, Harold Berry '88 and Lawrence Howard '88.

lives in Ft. Lauderdale but works for the Bank of Toronto, to which she commutes weekly. Marilyn's son is nearby in IN and keeps an eye on her three grands.

Marilyn Packard Ham visited family in Virginia Beach and reported that **Janet Surgenor Hill's** sister died. We extend deepest sympathy to Jan and her family.

Jean Gries Homeier entertained **Anne McLeer Fussell**, **Josie Frank Zelov**, **Alice Hess Crowell** and **Emmy Lu Hartley '49** in her newly refurbished retirement home. Jeannie and Lon have turned the attic into a lovely art studio — adding wonderful light through windows in the roof — where Jeannie continues to create beautiful paintings. Josie was delighted to report that her oldest son, Randy Jr. (age 60), has given up his architecture practice to become a farmer in Lebanon, OH.

In Nov., **Mimi Woodbridge Thompson** enjoyed a timeshare on Cape Cod with **Janet Pinney Shea**, **Artemis Blessis Ramaker** and **Ginny Hargrove Okell**. **Diane Roberts Gibson**, who lives in Cummaquid, MA, joined them for a day. After Thanksgiving in NYC with her family, Mimi traveled on to her grandniece's wedding in San Francisco.

Ann Sprayregen writes that after retirement she became involved with the International Herb Association, as secretary of the foundation, writing articles for the "Herb of the Year" books and the IHA newsletter and attending the yearly conference. Last year while

on a "roots" visit to Belarus, Ann had an interesting tour of the Minsk Botanical Garden Aromatic (Herb) Division. More important, she found her family's last and unknown living relative in Belarus. He, who had thought himself alone in the world, gained a whole new family!

From Paducah, KY, **Jane Wheeler Rutter** reports that after three marriages she has children, stepchildren and many delightful offspring. She hopes that any classmates looking for a tourist destination (Paducah has a large artist population and other delights), or en route to Nashville, will stop by for a visit.

The class sends sympathy to **Jeanne Wolf Yozell** and her family of four children and five grandchildren for the loss of her husband, Peter, after 60 years of happy marriage.

1951

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Warm memories of our well-attended 60th Reunion are still running through the minds of the attendees. But we did miss those who couldn't come, like **Ginny Eason Weinmann**, who writes that her three-generation family of 28 assembled at their home for

Thanksgiving. Their youngest son, George, 37, who is our class baby, married a lovely Chinese girl in a traditionally elaborate Chinese wedding in '09. They live in the Maldives, where George owns the charter airline Mega Maldives and his wife is the chief financial officer. They also maintain an apartment in Beijing if Jack and Ginny wish to visit, which they've done twice. Ginny says the sightseeing areas of New Orleans are now all recovered from Katrina. If you visit, don't miss the incredible National World War II Museum.

Nancy Bath Roof, Ph.D., who also missed Reunion, is a very busy lady. She is now at the height of her career as founder and editor of the *Kosmos Journal*. She started out as a representative to the United Nations in '89 and is now working to start a worldwide citizens' movement involved in launching a new global commons effort. She is one of 300 world spiritual leaders invited to write a "Charter for Engaged Spirituality in the Twenty-First Century" in Rome this year. Read about her on www.kosmosjournal.org.

Mona Gustafson Affinito also keeps very busy with her beautiful new website, <http://forgivenessoptions.com>, and her blog. She is revamping her book, "Mrs. Job," but still found time for her annual Christmas vacation with family at Williamsburg, where she loves their favorite restaurants and the spa. She phoned Bob and **Harriet Bassett MacGregor** on

New Year's Eve, when they were hosting Doc and **Joan Campbell Phillips** and **Rennie Aschaffenburg Christensen** and daughter Barbara. They've all met up, usually with Jack and **Pam Farnsworth French**, for New Year's for almost 20 years. Harriet and Bob celebrated their 60th anniversary in April.

Joan Andrew White visited **Bar Nash Hanson** in her retirement home in San Rafael, CA, before Thanksgiving. Bar was unable to make Reunion but, feeling better, hoped to return to her home in Palm Springs in Jan.

Peggy Park Mautner and a friend spent a five-day Christmas holiday in San Juan and enjoyed the sightseeing. She participated in a dance competition in April in St. Louis.

Chloe Bissell Jones and Les enjoy their lake home very much. Chloe is still involved as a docent in the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

David and **Pat Roth Squire** went to London for a grandniece's bat mitzvah.

Sally (Bucky) Buck Thompson spent Jan. through April in Sarasota. She travels around the Northeast the rest of the year, keeping up with grandchildren and volunteer work.

Babs Babbot Conant and Camille enjoyed multiple trips to visit various branches of the family tree this year. Trips to Montreal, Ottawa, NJ and VT provided lots of fun connecting with six grandkids. But the urge to take another long trip (like their Alaskan trip) is

getting stronger, and that adventure may materialize this year.

Ben and **Bobby Thompson Stabile** took a 12-day Christmas cruise on the *Seven Seas Mariner* in the Caribbean. The seas were a bit rough, testing Bobby's new knee, but the pampering aboard the ship made it a most enjoyable holiday. They returned in time for their granddaughter's wedding.

Marge Erickson Albertson and Murray also reported rough seas on a cruise to Bermuda at Thanksgiving. They were to have been accompanied by Walter and **Nancy Clapp Miller**, but sadly, Walter passed away before the trip, and plans changed. **Sugar Sessions Spratley** reports that Marge has been in touch with Nancy and that Nancy had lots of family for Thanksgiving and appeared to be strong.

Roldah Northup Cameron has moved to the Fellowship Village in Morristown, NJ. During the warm weather, she'll be back at her home at the beach in Rehoboth.

Bob and **Bobbie Wiegand Pillote** vacationed in various locations in FL for the month of Feb. and had planned to see some classmates en route.

The Class of '51 sends sympathy to the family and friends of **Nancy Libby Peterson**, who died 11/9.

1952

Correspondent: Class Notes Editor,



The Class of '56 held their annual holiday luncheon at the Met. From left: Jill Long Leinbach, Suzie Gerber Offit, Joyce Bagley Rheingold, Suzie Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer, Marie Garibaldi and Marge Lewin Ross.



Ildiko J. Demeter '71, Robin Rice '72 and Jennifer P. Maduro '71 enjoy a mini-reunion in Escondido, CA, in 2010.



Patricia Dale '66 receives congratulations for her award for 35 years of service working on Broadway at last year's Broadway Salutes event, 9/20/11.

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Dorie Knup Harper writes of her annual trip west in Sept. for an RV tour of Hell's Canyon, the Tetons and Yellowstone with Shanti and Michael. Granddaughters near her in Lafayette, PA, are doing the usual teen things: Daria, an honors grad of Ithaca College, is doing a postgrad year; Lauren, who is looking at colleges, is a member of the National Honor Society, plays the French horn and runs track; and Danielle, who is in junior high, plays the oboe, runs track and plays field hockey. Dorie continues to enjoy the summer in her Poconos hideaway.

Ann Reagan Weeks has been traveling again: to Orlando, FL, with family, doing the usual things but especially enjoying kayaking among the manatees;

birding in the U.K. with son Dan; cruising the Caribbean; visiting Newport News with grandson Gordy in an intergenerational Road Scholar (Elderhostel) trip; visiting cousins in Seattle; and going on a London-to-Paris trip via the Eurostar train through the Chunnel.

Nancy Maddi Avallone and Gene continue to enjoy their life near Annapolis. As with all of us, their activities have been curtailed a bit. Their two sons and their families continue their careers — Gene is a photographer in Rochester, NY, and John is a pediatric ophthalmologist in Annapolis — and the four grandchildren make their grandparents proud of their academic and sports accomplishments.

Jeanne Knisel Walker and I hope to see each other soon, as she lives about an hour away, in Killingworth, CT. Her son and his wife, who live in NJ, try to visit often.

Carol Lee Blake Joslin and Brooks live in West Hartford, CT, and see **Libbets Alcorn Holt** when traveling near Boston to see relatives. Libbets divides her time between Boston's shores and an island in ME. Her winter home is in Cohasset, MA. In Camden, ME, she attended a lecture given by a retired C.I.A. person, titled "American Leadership in the Twenty-First Century." Fortunately, many government retirees have homes in Camden and give quality lectures. Libbets is the proud owner of a Prius automobile with all the bells and

whistles, including GPS. Her grandchildren are now international travelers/residents in Beijing, China; Majorca, Spain; Uganda; and Chile!

Claire Wallach Engle and Ray continue to traipse around the world — to HI, CA (via the Panama Canal), TX and London. They are still very active in their OR retirement community and keep abreast of their three boys — Andy, a Navy optometrist; Tim, with the national board of the Directors' Guild of America (check out the Showtime series "House of Lies"); and Rob, who has worked on "The Green Hornet," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "The Smurfs" and the new "Spiderman." He and his wife, Christie, are also busy raising 5-year-old Naomi.

Sue Greene Richards is maintaining four houses, but Elmer has cut back on his sailing. As we all say, their four grandchildren are growing up too fast.

Cindy Fenning Rehm sent a nifty card with photos of oodles of family at eldest daughter Liz's wedding in July.

I, **Lois Keating Learned**, am still enjoying life in a continuous-care community. There's always something interesting to do and someone to do it with. Do keep sending me your news, as we all enjoy reading about one another. P.S. My email is a bit iffy, so please put pen to paper!

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Angie Arcudi McKelvey spent a week at Pueblo Ingles, a program for Spanish professionals to practice English with native speakers, and she describes speaking English "for up to 12 hours a day through many planned activities. In return, you receive free lodging and food at a very nice resort someplace in Spain." She would recommend the program. "The learners were successful in business, in their early 30s and 40s, and very motivated."

From **Suzy Johnston Grainger**: "Going on three years on my own, and I am always on the move — joined a singing group, garden club, music club; I tutor slow readers in an elementary school, travel to visit family and others, attend as many musical or drama performances as possible, join friends for outings, play golf, tennis, exercise. It is still tough." So wrote Suzy of life after

husband Bill died unexpectedly in HI. She credits **Geneva Grimes de Labry** with saving her life later that year by inviting her to visit Ireland. In '10, to commemorate Bill's life, son Scott and his wife, Katy, who live in HI, organized a traditional Hawaiian prayer service on the beach, followed by a luau. Suzy visited **Martha Kohr Lewis** in CA and will see Geneva in FL.

Cynthia Crutch French and Larry have lived in MI for six years, near a daughter in Dearborn, MI, and one in London, Ontario, and they spend three-and-a-half months each year in Naples, FL, where they volunteer with the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Coincidentally, they met **Judy Dotson Kline**'s sister there. Cynthia also reads with elementary schoolchildren. The Frenches have traveled to the Amazon and Machu Picchu, AK, the South Seas, the Galapagos, Newfoundland, Paris, WWII beaches, and the list goes on. It is surprising that none in our class has run into others in the same place, judging by the places '56ers have traveled.

After a lifetime of being "reasonably healthy," **Bonye Fisher Norton** endured health setbacks and recoveries over eight months, interspersed with trips to the Canary Islands and to visit a friend in Yorkshire. At home, she enjoys attending the symphony and the Met, volunteering, and exercise class. Daughter Leslie is home from Mongolia, Sierra Leone, Malawi, etc., and has



Danielle Kaster '09 with her dad, David Kaster '83, at her wedding on 10/22.

Tiffany Krempely-Proffitt '05 married Brian Proffitt in Estes Park, CO, on 6/11/11. From left, back row: Deborah Block '05, Anya Watson '05, the bride, Eva Sands Heenan '05, William Wright '05 and Alexandria Stepanek Braun '05; front row: Lauren Harris '05 and Kathryn Batley Johnson '05.



bought a house nearby. "We do a lot of things together." Son Robin has moved closer, to Baltimore.

After her very serious accident, **Barbara Jenkinson** is finally "almost rid of the cane."

Joanne Karnow Manheimer, Judy Missil Sandler and Mickey Sinsheimer Feins were the Class of '56 representatives to the Naples, FL, CC get-together. They toured the Naples Art Museum and met many CC alumni.

In her fifth year of teaching ESL, **Jean Harris Whitney** loves it and still finds it challenging. She maintains gardens around the village, and as a committee member for a 10th-anniversary quilt exhibit in March, she set up workshops, demonstrations and lectures, as well as found flower arrangers to enhance the exhibit. Jean still knits prayer shawls and works with her daughter on their family tree.

Retired, **Jeanne Norton Doremus** volunteers on the Disciplinary Review Board, an arm of the NJ Supreme Court, which reviews decisions made by district ethics committees and sets penalties for lawyers who have violated the rules of professional conduct. "It involves a lot of case study, it is interesting and it keeps my mind stimulated." She gives time to two local environmental groups and to a local art gallery. She and Burt travel to visit children, including daughter Jenny in Bogotá, Colombia.

Cindy Stone Bell was preparing to entertain 13 family members for Christmas when she received news that her oldest son was hospitalized in Japan with a fractured skull and brain hemorrhaging. He returned to CA to recover.

In Nov. '10 **Nancy Stewart Roberts** and Brad visited son Stew and his family in Rome, where he is a legal attaché at the American embassy. Son Mark is an FBI agent in Chico, CA. Unfortunately, Nancy had a severe stroke while she and Brad were in Chico in May '11 to meet their newest grandson. She returned home in June and is slowly improving. We commend Brad for his 24/7 care of Nancy.

Nan Teese Mouget's oldest child and only son was killed in an automobile accident on 12/23. We extend our deepest sympathy to Nan and her family.

Members of the CC Commuters Club had a mini-reunion at the Norwich Inn last summer. Attendees were **Mary English, Marian Lenci Tapiá, Peg Thorp Tumicki, Betty Smith Tylaska, Kathy Keating '56, Prudy Lamb Kellin** and Joy Putnam Favretti, who left CC and graduated from Cornell.

Orabeth Ruderman Levine still

works full time at her travel agency. Larry is semiretired from his manufacturing company. They have three children, nine grandchildren and six grand-dogs. The Levines have traveled to more than 100 countries and all seven continents. An expedition to the Arctic Circle is next on their list. Beth says the world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page. The Levines have read volumes!

Suzi Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer has decided not to run for re-election in Nov. She began her political career as mayor of Mamaroneck for eight years, and then served 28 years in the NY State Senate. Suzi fell while in India last Nov., and now needs total shoulder replacement. This surgery and extensive follow-up physical therapy influenced her decision to leave politics. Suzi looks forward to spending more time with her seven grandchildren, all under age 10, who are scattered across the U.S.

Marjorie Lewin Ross writes: "Jill Long Leinbach, Suzie Gerber Offit, Joyce Bagley Rheingold, Suzi Rosenhirsch Oppenheimer, Marie Garibaldi and I enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch at the Met. We are hoping to make this a semiannual event. If any classmates would like to join us, please contact any of us. The best Class of '56 news is that our Scholarship Fund is endowed: We reached our \$500,000+ goal!" Marjorie still volunteers at the Met, enjoys time with her three grandsons and was looking forward to playing tennis in the spring.

1957

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When I spoke with **Joan Heller Winokur** in Jan., she was planning her late spring move from Norwalk, CT, to Fort Myers, FL. No more cold winters for Joan. Daughter Dale has a vacation home in nearby Sanibel, and Joan spent a month in Fort Myers to learn more about the area. She was excited about the people she met and the lovely community. Joan continues to write poetry and make beaded necklaces.

Toni Titus Frary still rides her horse four times a week. The Dressage Foundation, of which she is a member, offers the opportunity to join the Century Club. The requirement is that the age of the horse and the age of the rider must total 100. Toni's horse is 24. Need we say more? Toni continues to paint and take photographs. She does a lot of wildlife art and donates paintings to fundraisers, as well as doing portraits and scenic paintings of the south

NJ area where she lives. She taught art in the Medford Lakes elementary school for 25 years. Toni has three children and six grandchildren, ages 11-21, "the lights of my life."

Diana Witherspoon Mann-Schnake reports that she spends too much time with doctors but is grateful for their expertise. After traveling to Nevis for a winter vacation, they decided that flying has become too stressful, but they had a great trip by train to Chicago in the fall. They gathered for a birthday celebration with their ME daughters and their families, including a new great-grandson and his brother. "It's amazing to me, since we had only one grandparent when we were young." They take courses at the local college and are challenged by the technology of iPads. "But they are really fun, and so, of course, is learning something new." Diana has been reading some of the classics and finding a new understanding. Her most important activity is her 10 years with the Alternatives to Violence Project; some may recall her talk at the 50th Reunion. "We attended the big bash Centennial at the College in Oct., and I'm looking forward to Reunion in June. Still SO grateful for those formative years."

We are saddened to report the death of **Sally Bloomer** on 2/18 at her home in Cambridge, MA. She leaves behind a sister, Ann Bloomer Patterson '46; a brother, Bill, and his wife; plus nieces and nephews. Sally taught in Winchester, MA, for more than 35 years and traveled extensively throughout her life. She devoted countless hours to volunteering at her church and to working with the needy. She loved to knit and became proficient at making Nantucket baskets. We have had several notes from **Ellen Smith**, who maintained a close friendship with Sally throughout her life, and from **Toni Garland Marsh**, who was her roommate in Knowlton. Sally was a bridesmaid in Toni's wedding, and the two shared a love of the beach, teaching and political outlooks. Ellen wrote, "Sally and I had fun going to Martha's Vineyard for a week's vacation during many summers. We met occasionally in Boston for the symphony and for plays that came to town. We skied in VT and out west. We traveled to Europe together for the theater. Sally loved sports, and we shared a mutual interest in Boston's sports teams. Going to watch the Red Sox play was a major treat. It is true that she wasn't well at all during this past year, with many hospitalizations and setbacks, but her family was there all the time, and Sally was so courageous. She passed away peacefully at home with her devoted family by her side." The class sends

condolences to family and friends.

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There were several immediate responses to the email sent, courtesy of the CC Magazine staff (thank you, Karen Laskey!), to all of you who have email addresses on file with the College. If you don't use email or don't wish to share your address, please send me your news by U.S. mail or by phone.

A long list of board and church committee work keeps **Lucia Beadel Whisenand** very busy after retirement from law practice. She is back into playing bridge, and during the summer, she hosts her three grandsons on the St. Lawrence River.

Barbara Bearce Tuneski, whose husband, Bob, died last July, enjoyed a mild winter in CT, with sons nearby. She is a volunteer at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook. The class extends deepest sympathy to Barbara on Bob's death.

One of our scholarly classmates, **Nancy Dorian**, has published yet another book on linguistics and received an award from the Linguistic Society of America for her work on an endangered language, Scottish Gaelic. She is active with a capital campaign to rebuild her UU church in ME, which burned last summer. Nancy is happy to have several relatives living close by.

Marilyn Leach Cassidy may hold the class record for number of grandchildren: 11. (Let us know if any of you have more!) Since she no longer skis, she fills her time with more reading, bridge, and volunteering in museums and teaching Spanish. Lynn still works in real estate and says she has expanded her electronic world.

Ruth Lukens Potter lives in Fort Collins, CO, near her daughter and family, keeping very busy with volunteering and lots of musical events. Her pre-med granddaughter is working as a health volunteer in India, while her grandson will graduate from high school this year.

Roswitha Rabi Classen and her husband are living in "sheltered" housing in a medieval town near Frankfurt. She has re-engaged in her favorite activities of gardening, music and teaching English literature. A small CC plaque hangs in their living room, among other mementos.

Patricia Steiger de Salazar feels very lucky to live in Lima, Peru, where she is known as a "lifer" in the expat community, and to have her four children and five grandchildren nearby. Patsy teaches English to executives,

sings in a choir and is active in the American Women's Literary Club.

After **Jean Tierney Taub** closed her insurance business in '10, she was not at a loss for occupations. She continues as our diligent class agent — since forever — and now has time for tennis, classes at the U. of California-Irvine, and a writing group. We await publication of her mystery novel, now in progress. Husband Don is also writing in retirement, especially about Arctic and Greenland history. Jean had a good time visiting **Phyllis Malone** in NYC in '10. She and Don went to AK and to France with their 9-year-old granddaughter, Elia, one of five grandchildren. Jean and Don also toured Morocco with one daughter and her husband, where they are teaching in Casablanca. Jean plans to attend our 55th Reunion in 2013. We hope to see you there!

As for me, **Judy Ankarstran Carson**, David and I continue to enjoy an active family, social and sports life in CO. Despite David's cardiac surgery last year, we are skiing, snowshoeing and hiking as much as possible and volunteering all over the place. A wonderful trip to Turkey last year was interrupted by David's pneumonia and five days in a very fine Istanbul hospital.

Thanks to all for your news!

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I was delighted to hear from **Marty Olin**, who left CC after sophomore year and graduated from New York U. She roomed with **Judy Sawtelle Clough**, who lives in ME. Judy breeds corgis and showed one of her dogs in the Westminster Kennel Club Show. Judy lives in NM in the winter. Marty lived in NYC during the week for more than 35 years and also spent time in Litchfield, CT. She moved there permanently 18 years ago.

Joy Johnson Nevin was written up in her high-school magazine, described as "a 'happy survivor' of 14 moves, including Cleveland, upstate NY, CA, KS, Canada, ME, AL and CT." She spent two years at CC and then married her husband, who was in the U.S. Air Force during the Cold War and is now retired. Joy volunteers as a hospice worker and she ministers to others as an ordained deacon and elder of the Presbyterian Church. In '02, she wrote "Get Moving! A Joyful Search to Meet and Embrace Life Transitions," a book for accepting change, and she is working on her

next book, a guide for shifting into retirement years. She loves to take daily walks.

Connie Snelling McCreery had a fun 39-person family reunion. She visited CA for a month with her daughter and two granddaughters and then went to Tokyo to visit her other daughter and two grandsons.

Ann Seidel Craig married Charlie Fletcher, who moved back to Wayne, PA, from Boston when he was widowed. He works for a large cooperative of building materials distribution companies. After 35 years of corporate training and teaching at Immaculata U. and Villanova U., Ann retired. She serves on the board as events chair at Jenkins Arboretum, takes ikebana classes, does yoga, spends quality time with friends, and gardens. They traveled to Charleston, SC, and Los Cabos, Mexico, and visited with family and friends in Naples, Pasadena, Encino, Chicago, Avalon, NJ, and Guilford, CT.

Mims Matthews Munro is volunteering at her church, doing ikebana and attending the many sporting events of grandchildren. She and **Mary Elsbree Hoffman** went on a riverboat cruise in Southern France down the Loire River.

Olga Levovich had to move unexpectedly when the landlords sold her building, and she lives in a scenic town of Sunapee, 10 miles from New London, NH. She went to Washington, DC, to see her brother and his family. She is in touch with **Gail Glidden Goodell** and **Peggy Brown Guinness**.

Jean Alexander Gilcrest visited Las Vegas and saw her grandson play football and granddaughter play soccer. She went to KY for her sister's 50th wedding anniversary. Then she spent time with son Bill in Chicago. The mild weather was great, since Jean helped hand out water for a 5K run. She saw her granddaughter ride her horse and perform in a professional production of "A Christmas Carol." Daughter Gretchen, who lives near her in NC and is a widow, is marrying a widower she has known for 20 years. He has three boys, she has a boy and girl, and all are teens.

Judy Petrequin Rice spent time with her family (all 15 of them) at Camp Michigan. She left Cleveland in Jan. for Scottsdale and returned in May. In AZ, they went to the Hoover Dam, Las Vegas and San Francisco, where Judy saw her grandchildren swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco and the next day swim the Golden Gate Bridge end to end. Her son-in-law in AZ completed the Ironman triathlon in Phoenix.

Marcia Fortin Sherman is grateful that her son's cancer has gone and he can spend time with his two children. Marcia and John saw her sister and

brother in New England this year. Afterward, they visited Cape Cod, where they had a great time with their children and grandchildren. Then they went to ME, followed by RI and CT, and enjoyed many lobster feasts! They also spent time with me in Cleveland. They love Clemson; John is involved in the Habitat for Humanity board and plans to volunteer at the resale store. He enjoys the local and Carolina Mountain Woodturners when he is not hammering in the basement. Marcia continues with P.E.O. and volunteer activities at church and a healthcare facility.

Anne Earnshaw Roche went to Fiji for seven weeks, staying mostly in Savusavu. In May, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with dinner for family and friends in Christchurch, where their children live. They are grateful they survived the earthquake, although their businesses and homes did not. The Roches drove around the North and South Islands and visited family and friends (3,000 km total). At Otago Museum, they attended a concert on the longest piano in the world, which a young man built in a tractor shed.

Gail Glidden Goodell survived the Halloween snowstorm that dumped record snow in the Boston area. She witnessed the birth of her grandson at a planned home delivery. Her daughter also has a 5-year-old. Her son has two daughters and a son, and Gail spends time with them too. She runs the monthly bean supper, plays in the handbell choir and serves on the board of deacons at church. Gail also likes water aerobics and her investment club. She has been taking art lessons with a friend and attending book club and monthly domino games. She visited her sister in WI and took many trips to NH with family and friends. Gail is proud of her son, who received an award for bravery from the MA Coalition of Police.

Pat Chambers Moore's granddaughter, Holly, and her partner won gold in the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals in San Jose, CA. They are tops in Novice Ice Dancing, with an undefeated season. Pat got to witness this achievement.

At Penn State, **Suzanne Rie Day** majored in sociology, and at Boston U. she earned an M.A. in anthropology/sociology. Involved in the civil rights movement, Sue founded a League of Women Voters in rural MD and helped train the first Head Start teachers. In the '70s, she worked in research and administration of state programs for the elderly in DE. She then went to U. of Michigan for an M.P.H. and certificate in gerontology and eventually earned a Ph.D. focused on homecare for the elderly and the effects of public funding criteria on nursing-home use. Now

she helps run a historic family farm where they grow organic pick-your-own vegetables and fruit. It had been 40 years since Sue was on campus, and she loved seeing it through the eyes of her oldest grandchild. She loved the new architecture and repurposed older buildings. Sue's granddaughter has lived in CO for 15 years, and Sue hopes she will come east. Sue lives in NJ.

Joan Kennan retired from a full-time job and is involved in her family. She helped launch Georgetown Village, based on the Beacon Hill model, where volunteers assist older residents with various household and transport needs, thereby allowing them to stay in homes longer. Being on a small board of directors is like a full-time job. Joan sings for Encore Choral, rehearsing once a week and performing several concerts a week. On weekends, she goes to her PA farm, which requires attention indoors and out.

Lynn Graves Mitchell finished leading a three-day prayer retreat for 40 women, all members of the First Congregational Church in Palo Alto, at a center outside San Juan Bautista, CA. She and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary with a three-day family reunion in Palo Alto. Lynn's daughters created one of the dinners for 40 guests, and daughters, son-in-law and grandkids sang songs they created. Lynn and her husband are planning a fundraising dinner for hundreds to honor a couple as distinguished citizens. Her husband is an Eagle Scout, and this event supports a Boy Scout Council for two counties.

Peggy Goodman Huchet visited Disney World with her 3- and 6-year-old granddaughters. After 35 years in NJ, she retired and moved to Charleston, SC, where both daughters live. She serves on the boards of two nonprofits, tends to her house and garden, enjoys friends and family, and travels as often as possible.

Edie Hollmann Bowers lives in Boston's South End, still paints in her studio at the Boston Center for the Arts and travels when she can. She is planning a trip to Australia and to check up on her two children and four grandkids, who live in London and Cleveland. Edie co-chaired the United South End Artists Board and organized its 25th annual Open Studios weekend. She volunteers at the Children's Hospital and works out at the gym. Edie enjoys attending the symphony and theater with **Sally Withington**.

Martha Flynn Peterson and **Connie Wharton Nasson** spent a gala week cruising in the western Caribbean with their husbands, enjoying good fun, food and laughter. Connie and husband Norm

moved their legal residence from VA to Petoskey, MI, a delightful resort town on Lake Michigan. Martha and Connie both look forward to the next Reunion.

Joella Werlin relocated to a retirement center condo near downtown Portland, where she can see Mt. Hood. She did an Elderhostel trip to Cuba focused on the remaining Jewish communities in Havana, Cienfuegos and Santa Clara. She visited schools and an Afro-Cuban arts-religious-music-dance center in Havana, enjoying lectures from an important Cuban architect and planner on Havana restoration and from a faculty member of U. of Havana on economics and social conditions of the Cuban family.

Our class sends sympathy to Joella and her family on the death of her husband, Robert Luis Autry, who passed away 9/4.

The class offers condolences to the families of classmates who have died: **Virginia Childs Chamberlain**, **Corinne Gentilella Rayburn** and **Susan Camph Van Trees**.

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Agnes Gund '60

was awarded an honorary degree at Bowdoin's 2012 Commencement exercises. Gund, president emerita of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, art collector and philanthropist, founded the Studio in a School Association in 1977, which has brought artists into classrooms for more than 600,000 students in New York's five boroughs. She chaired the Mayor's Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, has served on many boards and has donated hundreds of works of art to MoMA, the Cleveland Museum of Art and other museums around the country.

Last Aug., **Jean Chappell** went on a safari in Tanzania. They camped (elegantly) for several days on the Serengeti Plain and saw every animal

they could possibly see, including two black rhinos. In Oct., she visited Prague, Vienna and Budapest, all for the first time. "Now I've used up my money and have to stay home for a while!"

Cynthia Enloe had a busy fall, with talks and conferences in Vietnam, Iceland and Geneva — "interesting (often gutsy) feminists everywhere!" The winter found her reading, writing and catching up at home in Cambridge. Spring brought more traveling, talks and meetings in San Diego, Istanbul and Sweden. For fun, Cynthia and partner Joni spent 10 days in Barcelona with five pals.

Frances Gillmore Pratt and **Harry** returned to the College in Oct. to participate in the jubilant 100th anniversary celebration. On Friday, a marvelous dinner was held for past and present trustees and other friends of the College at the former home of Morton Plant on Avery Point in Groton, complete with a fireworks display. Saturday morning, they took a 90-minute tour of some of the new and renovated facilities, led by very articulate students. Later in the morning, hundreds of celebrants in Palmer Auditorium enjoyed the outstanding program "Great Beginnings," at which alumni spoke of their careers and their aspirations for the College's and their own futures. "A magnificent occasion from start to finish!"

Thalia (Buzzy) Geetter Price and **Michael** have been married for 50 years and have lived in the same house in Weston, MA, for 46 years. They have three children, and Buzzy is very involved with her four grandchildren's activities. She has retired from social work but is busy on the board of the Council on Aging and chairing committees involving caregiver issues. She is also a member of the Weston Housing Partnership committee, which has established a Weston Housing Trust, providing more affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families. Buzzy's hobbies include fly-fishing, gardening, gourmet cooking, bridge lessons and Zumba. They have traveled to a many exotic places but now spend summers at their Cape home. "Some of my life is recorded in the comic strip 'Rhymes with Orange,' penned by my daughter, Hilary Price, which appears in about 190 newspapers across the country (www.rhymeswithorange.com)."

Nancy Bald Ripley, **Lenore Fiskio**, **Sally Glanville Train** and **Susan Biddle Dzyacky** spent a long weekend together at Lenore's in Naples, FL, in Feb.

Even though **Anne Sweazey** left after sophomore year, she still considers the Class of '60 HER class. She is executive director of the Westchester

Arc Foundation, which supports programs for people with developmental disabilities. "I have no plans to retire and feel privileged to work for such a great cause." Anne enjoys rowing on the Long Island Sound in the mornings before work, to be on the water while the sun rises. Anne and friend Ron visited Costa Rica and came back informed and impressed with the country and the people.

Beverly Hill Wandt is "locked in a to-the-death struggle with **Robyn Roessler Hanser** on my iPad, playing Words with Friends." Great way to keep aging minds alert. Dick and Beverly spend the winter in Savannah, where Beverly sees **Jean Crawford Fishburne**. "Can't believe I have a grandson who will be making college visits this summer!"

Betsy Newman Young moved from Syracuse, her home for 43 years, to Kennett Square, PA, two years ago. She enjoys all the new and different things she is experiencing, living within 15 minutes of Longwood Gardens, many Dupont estates and the Wyeth Brandywine Museum. Betsy misses daughter Sarah Young Jackson '89 and her nine children in Syracuse, as well as daughter Rebecca and her one child in Needham, MA. Betsy reads with kindergartners and volunteers in Longwood Gardens. "I hope our

Class of '60 might be able to have a mini-reunion each year rather than waiting until '15." Betsy and Joe love to have visitors, so come visit. Email her at baysyr@gmail.com.

Carolyn McGonigle Holleran and husband Jerry retired at the end of '10 and enjoyed their first year of retirement, keeping active in their community and church and continuing to ski, bike, and play tennis and golf. They have 10 grandchildren, ages 12-29, who also keep them moving and busy. At home in PA, Jerry paints and Carolyn gardens, raising organic vegetables, and they enjoy the fruits of her labor throughout the year, as she freezes much of the crop for winter consumption. Carolyn is chairman of the board of directors of the PA Coalition against Domestic Violence. This volunteer work has been her passion for 35 years, and she is always interested in hearing from classmates who have been employed or volunteered in that human services field. "Because of attending a women's college, I learned the importance of women reaching out to women, and it has carried over to a lot of my volunteer work and financial gifting. I tell you this not because I am looking for credit, but because I hope to encourage other classmates to support their local domestic violence organizations and shelters."

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Gay Nathan responded from the deck of her 31st Princess cruise. Gay taught high-school English for 39 years (nine in NYC and 30 in NM). She lives in Santa Fe and works at the Santa Fe Ski Resort every winter. She has acted in numerous shows, including "Rabbit Hole," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Gertrude Stein and a Companion," "The Carpetbagger's Children," and most recently, "The Gin Game," which played at the White Barn in St. Helena, CA, as well as in NM. This year she'll be in "Our Town" in NM and will be taking the production of "The Gin Game" to NY. "I am determined to find a copy of our Junior Show for the alum archives. What wonderful memories! Would love to have some of my classmates come to Santa Fe for a visit." Gay spends summers on Fire Island.

Joan Karslake Beauchamp and husband Jim love NC. "The weather is beautiful, and we live within walking distance of one of our daughters, whose son, Matt, is 16 and very much into sailing." Daughter Kathy and family are in SC, less than two hours away. Son Jim works for the Armed Services in chem/

bio defense; he lives in MD but makes it home for most holidays.

Alice Fitzgerald and husband David Bayer attended the Aug. Cape Cod CC reception. They chatted with President Higdon and his wife, Ann, who summer on Cape Cod. **Patricia Siegel-Finley** was also in attendance. In Sept., Alice and David took a 10-day cruise on Holland America's Eurodam from NY to Quebec. They also completed a marvelous tour of NM — "such a fantastic state."

Marian Shaw Lipschutz writes that she is "an ex-member of the Class of '61, a writer and tutor in L.A. My blog is www.wheneverwrote.blogspot.com, autobiographical and literary. I've been looking for Julia Shipman '59. . . . She lived in East House and roomed with Joan Wagner '59." If anyone has info about her, Marian would appreciate a message.

Camie Manuel Ford has lived on Cape Cod for 35 years, been married for 52 years, has three children, six grandchildren and a full-time job as a sales rep for a publishing company. She is very involved in her church and community. Camie is a pastel artist and mosaicist; she went to Italy for training and worked on the nave aisle for her church, which overlooks Rock Harbor in Orleans. She and husband Dan went to South Africa for four weeks with

their award-winning Spirit of America Band, which held music workshops for South African schoolchildren. They performed for thousands of children in Johannesburg — "a life-changing experience for me to witness: happy, smiling children with hope for the future."

Eileen Rem Chalfoun in Prescott, AZ, celebrated the birth of new grandchild in Jan., Tate Edward Chalfoun. She had shoulder surgery in Sept. to repair an injury from a tennis fall earlier in the year. Eileen plans to visit Singapore, India, Indonesia, Sumatra, Thailand and Malaysia early next year, along with her regular visits to Jackson Hole to visit her kids. "Missed being able to attend Reunion but enjoyed all the news from there."

Since Reunion in June, **Sue Altman Miller** has been carrying on as usual, painting and teaching adults, some of which she did in Provincetown over the summer with the Fine Arts Work Center and with MA College of Art's MFA program. In the winter, Sue teaches in three programs in the Boston area. She joined her three sons in Toronto in Sept. for the film festival (and the premiere of son Bennett's movie, "Moneyball") and they gathered for Thanksgiving week in Tokyo, where son Ted lives. Ted and son JB (in NYC) are partners in an entertainment production company JB



Julie Pierson Mombello '83, Michael Mombello '83, Marissa Rosenblum, David Upin '83, Linnea Elsesser Weiss '81, Paul Weiss '82, Anne Hardy, Jim (the Skipper) Hardy '83, Mark Finnegan '83 and Hilary Bovers Finnegan '85 at the wedding of the daughter of David Kaster '83, far right.

founded 17 years ago. "Friends, films and books occupy the rest of my time. Really enjoyed Reunion, getting to be with so many old friends (and striking up relationships with new ones!). Hope we all stay in touch, at the very least through these Class Notes."

Lee White Brown-Egan doesn't have much to report since Reunion, but while there she enjoyed reconnecting with **Nancy Rupnow Rinehart** and **Barb Frick Jung**, freshman-year East House dorm mates, whom she hadn't seen since graduation! In late summer, Lee had lunch with **Barbara Negri Oppen** when she was in CT visiting relatives, and in early Oct. she spent a great week in Newport, RI, where kids and grandkids joined them for the weekend. "Fabulous weather, which is not always the case there in Oct." Other plans included a trip to CA in Jan. to visit sister **Debbie White Corr '67** and then FL in March to escape some of the long CT winter.

Brent Randolph Reyburn wrote, "I don't have any news except that I lost my job in Sept., so I am retired whether I like it or not!" She had a peaceful winter and was glad for the lack of snow.

Edie Chamberlain Lipp is happily retired after 30 years of teaching at an all-girls high school, and her daughter works at Smith College. "Quality educa-

tion of women remains a priority in our family!" Edie has been immersed in family genealogy research for the past decade. "F. Edward Cranz, Helen Mulvey and Richard Birdsall would be proud of my tenacity and discoveries!"

Linn Whitelaw Ong has seen **Barbara Negri Oppen** several times in DC and in St. Michaels. While she enjoyed the mild winter in MD, Linn went to FL for the month of March and saw family and friends along the way.

In response to your correspondent's mention of heading to Hilton Head for a tennis clinic, **Leigh Davidson Sherrill** wrote to say that she, too, plays tennis and is happy to still be playing — a thought your correspondent fervently echoes.

Karin Amport Peterson spent most winter weekends in VT, but the lack of snow made for a poor ski season. She is concerned about the economy there, since VT took such a hit from hurricane Irene. Karin went to Sicily in Nov. and reports that the island "is archeologically fascinating — the crossroads of the Mediterranean." She will return to Italy in Aug. with one of her grandsons.

En route home to RI from FL, **Anne Moriarty Nichols** and husband Chris had a wonderful evening in Atlanta at chez **Linda McCormick Rice** and husband Bob. "Super visit with vows to get together again soon, all sparked by

our wonderful 50th Reunion. Thanks, Colleen!!"

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Editor's Note: In the lead-up to the class's 50th Reunion, a few alumnae wrote to share their eager anticipation. We on the magazine staff hope the event lived up to their expectations, and we're looking forward to reading your Reunion stories here!

Carolyn (Toodie) Mandell Master sees **Ann Davidson Schaal** every summer at Chautauqua, NY, and was in touch with **Emily Haugen Talbert** about coming to Reunion. "Hope to see some friends there!"

Betsy Carter Bannerman was excited to attend the 50th! "The planned activities sound so great, and I am particularly happy about a Shwiff-ConnChord reunion. Be there or be square (or beware!)."

Now that **Barbara Stone Aschheim** and Peter are retired, they enjoy dividing their year between MA and FL, with lots of good friends and stimulating activities in both places. "This year was enhanced by the opportunity to connect with many CC classmates as we planned for our 50th (!!) Reunion. I loved collaborating with **Joyce**

Finger Beckwith and **Jane Levene Zuckerman** on this project, as well as renewing relationships with the others on the Reunion Committee. It was great to see everyone at Reunion!"

In L.A., **Ann Pope Stone** retired from her job at Santa Monica College five years ago, "an age-appropriate move," and then found herself with another job as a development writer for a TV producer. "Much fun and many scripts later, I continue working on a project-by-project basis." Ann's great joy, her two grandchildren, attend the same elementary school that her two daughters did, and she still picks kids up in the same spot she did those many years ago. "Still married to the guy I met on a blind date at CC in '60." Her husband teaches at U. of Southern California Law School and is "contemplating (in a philosophical sense) retirement. CA has been good to us."

Judy Biegel Sher and her family, all 15 of them, had a terrific trip to Mexico for Christmas to celebrate husband Allan's big birthday and their 50th anniversary. Living on the beach in Santa Monica, they enjoy many houseguests. Judy volunteers in a wonderful literacy program in the elementary schools, helping with reading. CC roommate **Margie Flocks Masinter** and Edgar visited on their way to New Zealand, and Judy hopes to see them again this

summer. "All is well here. Sorry to miss Reunion. Best to all."

Tamsen Evans George sends best regards to her classmates and hoped to get to Reunion. She has a variety of projects underway that keep her days "crazy full" — sort of like keeping the dishes twirling in the air, juggling three balls, playing the accordion, all while steering the boat. It is great fun and may keep my mind from totally failing! She looks forward to learning about everyone else.

With 10 grandchildren ranging in age from 1-14, and working in her husband's and son's periodontal office in NYC, **Barbara Edwin Weinstein** has little time for extra activities. "We are fortunate to have a second home in Miami Beach, which we use as a refuge during the winter months to recuperate from the grandchildren's illnesses. Do not today's children tend to catch more illnesses than our own children ever did? It's just an observation of mine." Barbara has spoken with **Carole Root Neubauer** and **Florence McCrea Wright** but missed seeing them; she hoped to get together at Reunion.

It has been a time of change for **Norma Gilcrest Adams** since her husband's death in June '11. "I am learning to live my new life with a lot of help from my dear friends." Norma has five granddaughters, ages 4-15. Three



Benita Garfinkel Goldstein '77 and her husband, Jordan, at their bed and breakfast in Delray Beach, FL.



Abbi Kuch married Zach Reynolds on 5/29/11 in Clearwater, FL. Attendees included Maggie Driscoll '06, Ashley Kenerson '06, Caite McNeil '06, Abby Geller '06, Sarah Davis '06, Molly Kawachi '06, Kelley Mooney '06, Caitlin Connolly '06, Kelsey Sullivan '06 and Perri Lawrie '06.

of them are the children of daughter Liz Adams Eckman '92 and her husband, Chris Eckman '91. The other two live in Luxembourg with son Andy and his wife, Jitka. Norma plans to resume her volunteer work, which she put on hold while Warner was sick. She also worked on the Koiné for our 50th Reunion. "That has been a great experience." She was looking forward to seeing it in print and hearing what other alumnae thought of it. She said **Carla Peterson Eylers** was "a great partner in this endeavor."

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Correspondent: **Bonnie Campbell Billings**, bsq22@aol.com

Our class agent, **Marcia Rygh Phillips**, of Richmond, VA, traveled back into her history last summer on a trip to Norway with husband Dale and son Matthew. They visited the tiny village in north-central Norway where Marcia's great-grandparents had lived. The Rygh Farm, on which her great-great-grandfather worked, is now a 4-H extension and demonstration center. Connecting with her roots in Norway was an "amazing feeling," though she has no direct relatives in Norway — Marcia's great-grandparents and their siblings all emigrated to the U.S.,

settling mostly in MN. Marcia and Dale continue to spend time in the winter in Naples, FL, where Marcia catches up with **Nancy Schoeffer Sanders** and several other classmates.

Chick Schriener Barnes of Wayne, NJ, is now fully retired from Prudential/Wachovia Securities and enjoys being a NJ soccer grandma and traveling. She took a Mediterranean cruise two years ago with family. Chick and husband Keith have enjoyed some great Oregon State alumni trips, including ones to Scotland and Ireland. Last summer, Chick celebrated her 70th birthday on a family vacation in HI. They rented a house in Kailua Kona on the Big Island. They flew back to NJ via Portland, OR, and visited with **Susan Stietzel Schilke** and Keith's West Coast relatives. Chick continues to pursue her music and has been busy as the music director for the local Smiling Rhino Theatre.

Since attending the 40th Reunion, **Penny Vaughn Connors** and husband Stan have been busy traveling — Australia and New Zealand, Ireland and Wales, and Spain. "We have taken two river cruises in Europe and circumnavigated South America (which included 1,000 miles down the Amazon and three days in Antarctic waters).

This year we are headed to Israel and then to visit our daughter in Korea (she teaches English there), finishing off with a cruise to Southeast Asia." Their oldest son is earning his master's degree in history while his son is at the same university studying film. One daughter lives and works in Pasadena, CA; their middle son lives in New Canaan, CT, and has three children; and their youngest son lives and works in Buffalo. Penny still works as a docent at the Albright Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo.

Martha Joynt Kumar's busy year included teaching (political science at Towson U. in MD), working on a book (on the '08-'09 presidential transition for Johns Hopkins U. Press), and visiting her first grandchild, Kiran Zal Kumar, born in Jan. in L.A. Martha lives in Georgetown with husband Vijay. Her focus is on the American presidency, politics and the media, with a specialty in White House communications. For more about Martha, check out www.politico.com. An article last summer described her traveling to the White House on her "zippy silver Vespa as often as four days a week," where she records, according to Politico, "every instance of the president's dealings with reporters — from press conferences and joint availabilities with world

leaders to one-on-one interviews with local affiliates." Martha's last book, "Managing the President's Message: The White House Communications Operation," and the one she's writing on the transition, are heavily based on interviews with participants in the process, including White House officials and the press corps. These must be very interesting times! (Sounds like a "dream job" to political junkies like me and my husband.)

Noted photographer and author **Quinta Dunn Scott** of Waterloo, IL, has added to her body of published works with her first children's e-book. The illustrations are photographs turned into drawings in Photoshop, so it's also a coloring book. "Newton Stop!" is humorously narrated by the exasperated human owner of a "naughty" but delightful cat named Newton. (You can download the book at www.NewtonStop.com for \$1.97.) While she thought she could never do rhyme, Quinta found that once she started she couldn't stop. "It was great fun to write."

Patricia Said Adams moved to Charlotte, NC, four years ago. She's been leading retreats there, and in Jan. she began teaching spiritual direction at the Charlotte Spirituality Center. She also writes a weekly spiritual blog at

www.bythewaters.net.

Francette Girard Roeder and her husband love their retirement in Coronado, CA. Four years ago they downsized from their country home in Middletown, RI. Now, living in a two-bedroom condo in the middle of the village lets them walk or bike everywhere. They've become very involved in the community and enjoy playing tennis and lawn bowling. They get back east to visit children and friends, but are "converted Californians." They'd love to be in touch with any classmates in the San Diego area.

As you can see, we've had good response from classmates, but there are lots more of you whom we'd like to hear from. Please submit news — and plan to attend our 50th!

1964

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1965

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Geraldine Oliva retired a year ago



From left, Lacy Kline, Wyatt Somogni '11, Max Sgro '11, Mark Desmuelles '11 and Nita Contreras '11 at the White House in front of the West Wing.



Above: Ellen Steinberg Karch '69 couldn't attend Centennial Fall Weekend in Oct., so she celebrated with her five grandchildren instead. With Ellen, from left: Max Feldman, Mira Mann, Madelyn Fields, Lucy Fields and Jacob Mann.

Jill Peters '04, center, who married Scott MacVicar on 2/4/12 in Rye, NY, with her bridesmaids, from left: Sarah Jacobs Forbes '04, Georgia Wright '04, Anna Kisilevitz '04, and Jill's sister, Molly Peters.



from U. of California-San Francisco, where she was an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine for 20 years. She still works two days a week but no longer has to meet faculty requirements or administer grants and such. Geraldine and Paul Farber have been married for 14 years, and she has two sons, ages 31 and 36, from a previous marriage. For the past few years, Geraldine has been overseeing the care of her mother, who is 95. Geraldine has been practicing Zen Buddhism for 20 years, and she has completed a three-month monastic practice period at Tassajara Mountain Zen Center in Carmel Valley. "I am in the process of being ordained as a Zen priest and intend to focus the rest of my life in this way."

In L.A., **Sarah Ryan Black** is still involved in the movie business as an independent producer and is married to a screenwriter. She mentors Wilson Stiner '08. Her son, who works for the U.N., recently visited L.A. with his wife and daughter. Two of Sarah's daughters live in L.A., and the youngest, Madeleine Ignon '09, lives in San Francisco. Sarah is pleased to have her health, her CC friends (Kathleen Hudson McKenna '64 and Melissa Meighan '66) and a career.

Renny Harrigan retired in June as

an academic dean at a small state college in VT. Without housing during her transition to Boston, she was taken in by **Pam Gwynn Herrup** and her husband, Peter, in Concord, MA. Renny serves on the board of an organization she founded in one of her research years in Berlin. In the fall, she became certified to teach English as a Second Language, and she plans to teach in new places she wants to explore. Being a widow, she's footloose and free enough to do it. Her three kids are fine, and of course, her one grandchild is adorable!!

In Oakland, CA, **Chris Metcalfe** has fully retired from a career in children's television, and now she enjoys singing in a women's chorus, oil painting, and helping to take care of her mother in Swampscott, MA. Back east, she visited **Donna Maulsby Asnani** and **Beth Parsons**. Chris enjoyed a Kenya safari in '07 and a trip to Morocco with a group of six camping in the desert with camels!

At a CC get-together in NYC, **Lois Larkey** met with Ellen Anderson from the College to talk about our 50th Reunion. They connected with Class President **Sonya Parenko** to continue the conversation. Lois enjoys her children and four grandchildren, all

in Brooklyn.

In Boston, **Kent Perley Porter-Hamann** was fortunate to hang up her publishing hat at the top of her game, and husband Jim retires in June. She volunteers in the flower-arranging arena, attends jazz and classical concerts, and is reading all the fascinating books on her "to-do" list. She and Jim travel; Italy and France are their favorite destinations. Daughter Phoebe has her clinical doctorate in physical therapy, and son Tony, the studio engineer, drummer, gardener, etc., travels for gigs all around the world.

June Adler Vail retired after 40 years at Bowdoin College as a professor of dance. Husband David also retired from 41 years as a professor of economics there. They're busy with house repairs, various board activities and family matters while they figure out the pace of life in the future. Joan is writing a biography of her great-grandmother, Gertrude Hitz Burton, a 19th-century feminist and educator. Visitors are always welcome downtown!

In Washington, DC, **Joan Havens** is in her last year of teaching Latin at St. Albans School, and she looks forward to volunteer work and family visits with her two married children and four grandchildren.

Harriet Pinsker Lasher retired last June as head of a preschool and elementary school in Raleigh, NC. She enjoys spending time with her son and daughter-in-law in Roanoke, VA, and her daughter, husband and two children in Charlotte, NC.

In Oxford, MS, **Gail Crandell Mangold** and her husband divide their time between MS and Eleuthera, Bahamas, where they pursue their favorite activities: running, biking, swimming, tennis and gardening. Gail also paints Bahamian scenes. In Nov., she traveled to India and Nepal with her two adult children and spent two weeks in the mountains and valleys beyond Pokhara, Nepal, as a volunteer with the ultramarathon there. Next year she will volunteer in Jordan. Gail reunited with **Sandy DeMartino Kiesel** in the Bahamas two years ago.

D. Anne Roessner Atherton sends greetings from her home in Nantucket.

Carole McNamara Malcolmson lives in Cambridge, sent both children to college and earned an Ed.D. from Harvard. Since retiring, she volunteers at Children's Hospital and in the local schools. Carole skis and gardens and is taking an opera class. She's seen **Genevieve (Jenny) Bartlett Fricks**, **Martha (Marti) Alter Chen**, Sharon

Hulsart Wilson and **Suzanne Leach Charity**.

We, **Leslie Setterholm Curtis** and **Susan Peck Robinson**, have resumed our former task of writing the Class Notes for the alumni magazine. Thanks for all your incoming newsy messages — keep them coming! We were lucky enough to participate in the 100th anniversary of the College, a real gala that would warm your hearts. We were delighted to hear of the positive plans for the College, to visit with curious, independent and intellectually honed students, and to walk around a beautiful campus with all its updated dorms, walkways and buildings.

1966

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Linda Aldrich teaches yoga and wishes everyone "namaste," the customary Indian salutation, from her home of 40 years in San Francisco. She also writes, hikes and explores life's fulfilling paths.

Martha Blanchard Twigg has retired as the executive director of the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, MA, where she was a hands-on leader, developing the nonprofit center



Sprague Simonds '86 with Lucy, left, and Abby.



Judy Irving '68 films at the harbor in Morro Bay, CA.



At right: Bambee Bartolome Tambunting '91, left, with daughter Tania on her lap and son Sandro behind her, and Melissa Ferguson Zabin '91, with daughter Tate on her lap and son Sam behind her.

as a vital community resource and starting many new programs, such as the EcoZone Museum and the Nature Center Preschool.

A professor of anthropology at Plymouth State U., **Kate Curtis Donahue** was intrigued when, in the months following 9/11, she read of a young French citizen of Moroccan parentage whose search for identity across three continents led him to al-Qaeda and a life sentence for the 9/11 attacks. She was present at the trial and was inspired to write "Slave of Allah." During a recent trip to Denver to speak to the Denver World Affairs Council, she was able to catch up with **Kay Landen**, program chair for DWAC, and Denver City Councilwoman **Peggy Rifkin Lehmann**.

Marcia Geyer is now retired and moving to Charlottesville, VA — a beautiful, thriving, small city with an excellent university, hospitable and progressive culture, and mild climate. She loves the Shenandoah National Park and Blue Ridge Mountains, less than an hour away, which first attracted her to the area as a vacationer. Marcia invites any CCers nearby to get in touch.

Cheryl Maxman Leidich spent two years at CC, married her high-school sweetheart, and transferred to Boston U., graduating with a B.A. in English in '65. Still married after 47 years, three children, six grandchildren and multiple careers, they live in Silver City, NM. As a volunteer in a local literacy program, Cheryl reads to Head Start classes and tutors ESL students.

Jill McKelvie Neilsen retired from her job as a senior economist with the government, traveling to Europe and Russia to work on privatization and private property rights. She attributes much of her career to her cutting-edge education in economics at CC. She and husband Finn, now retired, travel and enjoy their 10 grandchildren. Formerly on the board of the Friends of the National Arboretum, she remains an associate board member of the Children's Hearing and Speech Department of Children's Hospital, where she recently organized funding for a pet therapy program.

While visiting daughter Rebekah in NYC, **Pam Mendelsohn** saw **Pat Dale** and **Carol Chaykin**, who enjoyed her tales of working as a disability-rights advocate in the former Soviet Union. Pam divides her time between Arcata, CA (near the OR border), and Emeryville, in the Bay Area, and enjoys being on the board of directors of the Emeryville Celebration of the Arts.

Peggy Rifkin Lehmann was elected for her third and final four-year term to Denver City Council in May '11. She sees

Kay Landen often, and they had a fun get-together when **Barbie Goff Takagi** came to Denver last spring.

Margie Rosen Chodosch's son, David, daughter-in-law, Jill, and their two little ones finally moved out of her house into their new home in Port Washington, NY, and soon after welcomed Margie's new granddaughter, Sadie. Younger son Dan and wife Alyse also moved nearby, to Great Neck, NY. Husband Stewart retired after 50 years of dentistry, and Margie continues to work in the reference department of the Great Neck Library.

Before leaving NYC to winter in Naples, FL, **Marian Silber** had lunch with **Rona Shor**, **Carol Katz** and **Ruth Zaleske Leibert**. She also celebrated the marriage of Ruth and Burt's son, Michael Leibert '92, to Laura Manzano '93. Also present were **Betsy Dawe Piebenga** (Ruth's CC roommate) and husband Larry, and **Elayne Zweifler Gardstein** '67 and husband Hank (Burt's roommate at Franklin & Marshall). Marian saw **Asia Rial Elsbree** and reports that there is a new CC Club of Southwestern FL.

Naomi Silverstone began phased retirement from the U. of Utah College of Social Work in July and still loves the wide-open spaces of the West. Her twin daughters graduated from college in May and June of last year.

Andrea Storer Duncan relocated to HI after living 40+ years in Louisville, KY, where she worked in public administration and was CEO of the Louisville Housing Authority. Downsizing from a large historical home in an urban setting, Andrea now lives in a renovated studio boathouse "in paradise" on Kaneohe Bay. She still volunteers, is politically active and runs a small business distributing ecological products. She enjoys "hanging out" with her two grandsons, watching rainbows, kayaking, playing ukulele, doing yoga and singing in a choral society.

1967

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On Halloween weekend, **Judy Jones McGregor**, **Midge AuWerter Shepard**, **Betty Sidor Hanley**, **Heather Marcy Cooper**, **Deb Benjamin** '67 and **Mary Whitney Hoch** '69 gathered at **Ann Engstrom Reydel**'s house in Chatham, MA, where they laughed, ate, drank

lots of wine, and shared pictures and stories. Betty, Midge and Heather also met up with **Ann Werner Johnson** in NYC on their way to Chatham.

Ann Engstrom Reydel retired from a 30-year real estate career in Weston, MA, to Chatham, MA, in '07. Bridge, gardening, tennis, golf and volunteering fill her time. A granddaughter was born in Sept. '10. **Betty Sidor Hanley** and husband **Gerry** moved to Williamsburg, VA, 10 years ago and often see **Deb Benjamin** '67 and **Ann Reydel** on their trips to FL. **Heather Marcy Cooper** continues her career in textbook publishing and is still married to her college sweetheart; she enjoys spending time with their 11 grandchildren.

Heather has lived in Glenview, IL, for 38 years. **Midge AuWerter Shepard** has retired from her IT job at Mercedes-Benz and is now living in Houston; she travels back to CT frequently to see her three grandchildren. **Judy Jones McGregor** lives in Milwaukee with her husband, three dogs and 12 birds. Together they have 18 grandchildren. **Judy** retired from a career as a psychotherapist but is still involved in mental health.

For the past three years, **Trudy Glidden Nichols** has continued facilitating the "challenging racism" workshops she initiated and organized. There was standing room only at her last event. She still works for a French company selling software and visits her grandchildren in Denver and her son, **Shane Nichols** '95.

Every Jan., a film jury gig in NYC allows **Judy Irving** to get together with **Joan Pekoc Pagano**; they love catching up at their yearly reunion dinner. **Judy** is working on a documentary called "Pelican Dreams," and husband **Mark Bittner** is writing another memoir called "Street Song." Each project is many years in the making. **Judy** is happy to have an excuse to hang out with pelicans — elegant, comical, ancient beings — and to learn about their personalities.

The highlight of **Kathy Doyle Wetherell**'s year, and one that was happily not medical in nature, was the gathering of her family for a week at Saranac Lake, NY. With four married children and nine grandchildren, getting together as a group is rare. They had fun swimming, hiking, kayaking, building sandcastles and fishing. This summer, they plan to repeat the event on the Outer Banks of NC. With everyone spread out across the U.S. and Toronto, these gatherings require planning and effort, but that is their priority right now, while the grandchildren are young and love seeing "the cousins." Tom and **Kathy** are both well and hope '12 will just be a year of more of the same.

Bette Salomone McKenney has lived in SC for 22 years and been widowed for 20 years. She is thankful that both sons live nearby. She toured Italy with a cousin in '10 and included an add-on visit with Italian relatives. It was the trip of a lifetime, connecting with her roots and visiting her grandfather's family's village. Last fall, **Bette** planned a party for her mother's 100th birthday on 11/11/11. People from seven states came to celebrate, with cards and flowers everywhere. Caring for her mother, who lives with her, has taken much of her time the last few years, but **Bette** still plays her French horn in three local groups and enjoys activities with friends and family.

Please keep your news coming; we all love to know what is happening in the lives of our CC friends.

1969

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Four of the 34 travelers whom **Linda Abel Fosseen** met on a Yale-sponsored Rhine River and Switzerland trip last July had CC connections: **Carol Nostrand Johns** '66, **Linda Lidstrom Spellacy** '71, and **Jean and Ron Hirokawa**, parents of **Craig Hirokawa** '98.

1970

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A few final notes from our 40th Reunion, including a group letter from six classmates: "Greetings from **Sue Bear**, **Rosemary Bonser Johnson**, **Daryl Davies Davis**, **Jane Elliott Drebus**, **Lucy Eastman Tuck** and **Clara Montero**. After having ignored many calls to attend Reunion, the number 40 seemed momentous enough to jolt us into action. We had been in touch over the decades (gasp!) but had let communication dwindle. Needless to say, we had a lot of catching up to do! We met at the hotel, agreed everyone looked great and slipped back into the comfort zone we had established during four incredibly meaningful years of our lives. **Rosemary** and **Ken Johnson** live in Waterford and were excellent hosts, providing a wonderful get-together at their place. **Lucy** traveled the farthest (Chicago). **Daryl**, **Sue** and **Clara** came from Hastings, NY, Boston and Albany,

respectively. **Janey** was unable to make it to the event, but was with us in spirit. Between the six of us, we have 15 children. Five of them are married. Two have children. More weddings and grandchildren are on the way this year. **Rosemary** teaches English at Mitchell College in New London, and **Sue** teaches biology at Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA. **Sue** has learned to speak Greek (her husband is Greek, and they have a place in Athens), and **Daryl** is learning to speak Mandarin during her frequent business trips to China. **Lucy** works for a nonprofit organization, and **Clara** recently retired from teaching. **Janey** taught and tutored while raising her three children and now devotes a lot of time to her new grandson. Thanks to CC for providing the original site and, more recently, the impetus for our friendships to flourish. We have decided to have our own reunion at least once a year." The friends planned to get together in Chicago this spring.

While many '71 alumnae were gathering on campus for Reunion, **Susie Sackheim Sayle**, **Jane Davis Turchiano**, **Leslie Richmond Simmons**, **Sharon Welsh Butler**, **Margie Carrington King**, **Cara Tascarella Greene** and **Joan Hedgecock** held a mini-reunion at **Susie**'s house in Rye, NY, a wonderful weekend of shared stories, warm and funny memories, and philosophies about life and its challenges. **Leslie** reports, "We were all delighted about how uncomplicated, relaxed and natural it was being together after so many years."

Lucy VanVoorhees writes: "I would have liked to have come to Reunion, but my husband, Mark, and I were finishing a big project. Two years ago, we bought an old house in Berlin, MD, where 'Runaway Bride' was filmed. We tore it apart, completely renovated it and have turned it into the Waystead Inn. We have an excellent chef/innkeeper — plus my husband is also exercising his chef skills. I still work as a cardiologist, and we spend most of our time around the farm and inn, since it's hard to find sitters to care for eight horses, 23 chickens, three dogs and a bad Kitty named Osama."

In her note about Reunion, **Clara Montero** wondered, "Where is **Donna Micklus**?" **Donna** replied: "I recently retired after a 35-year career in Republican politics/government, both on the state (CT) and national levels. I served as a communications/media director under two governors, as well as press secretary and director of operations for the CT Republican Party. I had the unique and distinct privilege of meeting and working with Presidents

Reagan, Ford, and Bush 41 and 43, as well as working with the media at Republican National Conventions. My husband of 30 years, Tom Ciccone, is also retired, and we now spend winters in a little shack on the beach on FL's east coast and head back to CT for spring and summer. I've stayed in touch with a number of CC alumnae, particularly Jane Weiskopf Reisman '69, who conveniently lives in Saratoga Springs, NY; we try to meet each Aug. for a day at the track!"

Linda Herskowitz Kriger and husband Jake still live in Philadelphia. Older son Daniel is a sophomore at Kenyon College; younger son Ezra graduates from high school in June and plans to spend a gap year in Israel before going to college. Linda and Jake love being grandparents to their identical twin granddaughters, who are walking and talking. Linda has written several essays and articles for the Jewish Daily Forward, and she's working on a book about being young with Crohn's disease and colitis. Linda would appreciate hearing from anyone who was diagnosed before age 25.

Jennifer Harvey is halfway through a two-year posting with Cuso International in Rwanda, training teachers in a rural village. She spent seven amazing weeks backpacking in Ethiopia. Back at school, she was waiting for the rains so she could plant her beans! She would love to hear from any CC types in the region.

Arlyn Hoffman was on sabbatical from Lesley U. and had the opportunity to travel in Dubai and New Delhi last fall to give professional presentations on the social/emotional side of learning disabilities. Later, she flew to Kathmandu and volunteered in a Nepalese school that had no running water or electricity but did have eager, motivated students. "I got back at least as much as I gave. It was the trip of a lifetime, and — most deliciously — I got to share it with my husband of 29 years."

And a correction: In the last issue, I had a senior moment (sigh) and called **Ellen Parry's** 12-year-old daughter, who attended our Reunion, "Chloe," when, in fact, her name is Phoebe. Her name popped into my head after the issue had gone to the publisher, and I was sorry to have misremembered it, especially when we all enjoyed meeting her so much. Sorry, Phoebe!

Unfortunately, we end on a sad note, as we recently learned of the deaths of two classmates. The class sends sympathy to the families and friends of **Judith Anderson**, who died on 12/26/10, and **Alice Krusinski Babik**, who died on 10/21/11. We will miss them.

1972

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Candace Thorson made a career change from commercial real estate finance to Christian Science nursing and works at a facility in Alexandria, VA. She receives training at a facility in Boston and sees **Deborah Garber King** regularly. "This has been a very rewarding change in my life."

Peg Broekel lives in Natick, MA. She's had an eclectic career, working at Harvard U. and as a registered nurse after she earned a B.S. in nursing science from Boston U. She is in her eighth year working with kindergarten students in Weston, MA. She was an active volunteer in the community when her children were in school: serving as chairperson of the Natick School Committee, Town Meeting member and on the board of the Natick Education Foundation. Husband Matthew Rovner recently closed his PR/marketing business and is retired. Daughter Leah, 24, is the test kitchen manager for America's Test Kitchen and lives in Brookline, MA. Son Harry, 20, is a sophomore marine biology major at Eckerd College. Peg looks forward to retiring in the next few years to enjoy traveling, gardening, reading, exercising and volunteering on her own schedule!

Margaret (Margi) Williams had two nice acknowledgements lately. Last summer, she received Smart CEO Magazine's Brava award, given to successful female CEOs, and she was recently named by The Daily Record, a business and legal journal in MD, as one of MD's Top 100 Women. Both honors came about partially because of the merger of MD Committee for Children with Friends of the Family, which resulted in MD Family Network. Most satisfying for Margi, though, was helping MD win one of the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grants. MD was one of nine winning states, receiving \$55 million to be spent over four years on upgrading early childhood care and education infrastructure. RTT-ELC aims to improve the early care settings for what the feds call "high needs" children, which in MD means children living in poverty and/or with special needs and/or English language learners, so they enter school fully prepared. MD Family Network will play an important role in delivering the services to make this happen.

Helen Kendrick is still active in her family law practice, anticipating retirement at the end of the year. Husband

Lee has had some health scares, but they traveled to FL and met up with Judi Bamberg Mariggio '69, Helen's Marshall housefellow during sophomore year, "a wonderful reunion 42 years in the making. We enjoyed meeting her husband as well, and promised it wouldn't be another 42 years until our next visit!"

On a final note, I will retire in June from teaching at the Harley School after 18 years — how did that happen? — and will move to Charleston, SC. See my new address at the top of the column. Not sure what I will be doing when I get there, except that I hope to be "knee-deep in the water somewhere (with) the blue sky breeze blowing wind thru' my hair. Only worry in the world: is the tide gonna reach my chair." (Apologies to the Zac Brown Band.)

1973

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Anita DeFrantz '74

hosted the International Olympic Committee 5th World Conference on Women and Sport in Los Angeles in February. The conference, held every four years, analyzes the progress made within the Olympic movement and identifies ways to improve and increase the participation of women in sports. DeFrantz, chairperson of the IOC Women and Sport Commission, moderated a plenary on "Leadership Views on Women in the World of Sport" and spoke at the opening and closing sessions.

1975

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Penny Howell-Heller and husband visited daughter Emily Heller '08 in Panama, where she works for the Peace Corps. Emily's reforestation plan was approved, so she can continue replanting to make farming practices more

Michael King '75

was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for his documentary "The Rescuers." The film, which King directed and produced, tells the story of a dozen diplomats who helped save tens of thousands of Jews during World War II. King's other credits include the Emmy-winning documentary "Bangin'" and "Rapping with Shakespeare," which earned the A&E Indie Filmmaker Award. In 2010 King received the College's Harriet Buescher Lawrence '34 Prize, awarded annually to an alumnus/a for outstanding contributions to society.

sustainable; she also works with school kids to organize a recycling program. "I have vicariously enjoyed helping her research her program and discuss procedures over Skype. Dr. Niering would love this!"

Mark Warren participated in the 32nd Pan Mass Challenge last Aug., his 17th year doing the 190-mile, two-day bicycle ride from Sturbridge, MA, to Provincetown, MA — the largest single athletic fundraising event in the country. "We raised \$34 million, and all the money raised is donated to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston."

Katherine Lynch Scott lives in OH. Her twin girls are now in college. She and husband David enjoy the pleasures of the empty nest but are glad to see their girls on school holidays.

Maureen Fahey still enjoys teaching mathematics. Daughter Sarah Policare graduated from Curry College and works for New Balance in the Boston area. Son Michael Policare got married last year in Maui. "It was a beautiful trip and wedding." Maureen plays a lot of bridge and dances three nights a week!

Betsy Phillips lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL. In '89, she received her ADN and has worked as an RN ever since. She received her national certification in neuroscience nursing (CNRN) in '10 and works at Broward General Medical Center on a neuro/telemetry unit. Betsy's dad, 94, still maintains his own home. Her mother passed away in '04. "I have a wonderful home life with husband Glen (nine years now), dogs Sasha and Suki, and cat Sabrett. I would enjoy hearing from anyone!"

Pamela Cutler Baxter's book for Unitarian Universalist children, "A Cup of Light," was published by

Skinner House Books. Pam is director of religious education at a UU church in West Chester, PA, where she enjoys weaving the administrative aspects of the job with spirituality, music, theater, gardening, sustainability and social action. She also loves running into fellow Coloradan DRE Katie Tweedie Covey '76 at national conferences. Pam celebrated the 10th anniversary of her church job and her 11th as a garden writer and weekly columnist for her local newspaper.

Marty Peak and husband Frank Helman enjoy life in coastal ME. Semiretired from a career in publishing, Marty has time for the important stuff, including travel and community volunteer activities. She is climbing through the ranks of Rotary, and her book on literacy in Guatemala was recently published in Spanish.

Lisa Weiskop Glick is an English Language Learner (ELL) co-teacher/classroom aide at Ridgewood (NJ) High School. She teaches three sessions of ESL and helps ELL history students in two sheltered classes. Lisa is also a pro-immigration advocate, and she mentors international students she knows from teaching at a community college. Husband Ken is a vice president financial planner for Morgan Stanley. Son Charles, 29 (U. of Colorado grad school '05), does IT work for Snowbird Resorts in UT, and daughter Michelle, 23 (Amherst '10), is in her second year with Teach for America as the principal earth science teacher at a charter school in Washington, DC.

David Kenney puts most of his effort into his new metalwork business, running for the Waterford board of education, and trying to start a new classic rock band (as bass player).

Richard Lichtenstein is living the good life in sunny L.A. He has a public affairs/public relations firm, and wife Melanie is a therapist. Both kids are nearly grown, but their dogs keep them company.

Maria Simao writes: "OK, I suppose I can brag a little about my daughter in L.A. She is a captain in the Air Force, stationed at the L.A. Air Force Base working on satellites."

Louise DeCamp Cole is director of admissions at Tandem Friends School in Charlottesville, VA. She has three sons — Ben, a senior at the Hartt School, completing a B.F.A. in acting; Sam, a freshman at Guilford College; and Riley, a freshman in the Honors College at Longwood U. Louise stays in touch with **Jackie Woodard** and Tom Jackson '78.

Liz Goldstein Newell's son, who accompanied her to her 15th Reunion, is now 27, "and about to buy his first home in Barre, MA." Liz is still a reading

specialist at Coburn School in West Springfield, MA. "I love it, and though I miss museum work, I love working with kids. We have a large ELL population, and the kids are awesome. I would be delighted to get more news from my classmates, who seem very silent in CC news."

After 30 years in the public, private and academic sectors, **Bob Gould** took early retirement from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection in July '10. "Three years of being a manager of environmental health and safety was profitable, but the politics were awful." Since then, Bob has traveled to Nepal, most recently returning from a five-week trek on the Annapurna and Khumbu/Everest circuits. "I saw and photographed Everest ... and many other 20,000-foot-plus mountains. ... We also climbed Thorung La pass ... the highest pass in the world that can be trekked without serious mountaineering equipment (top elevation close to 18,000 feet). ... Truly amazing! Only bad news was getting stranded with 3,000 other people in Lukla for a week at the end because of bad weather. ... No flights in or out, and we had way too much heavy equipment to walk out without porters, who became unavailable at any price. Finally the weather got better, and we got out in a STOL (short takeoff and landing) Twin Otter aircraft."

Bob and wife Lesley went to Sicily and central Italy (Abruzzi and Marches) last July with **Dario Coletta**, his wife, Rebecca, and their daughter, Meila. "Another great adventure: we stayed in agriturismo (Italian B&Bs) and mainly visited the countryside, not the cities. Beautiful architecture, mountains, churches, caves, gorges and medieval towns." Bob may be looking for part-time work, so "if anyone needs an environmental manager with 30+ years of experience, give me a shout!"

Mark Wilson and his bride of two-and-a-half years, Janine, have been enjoying their new home and traveling to their favorite places. They've been to France, Britain and Ireland, plus the West and Southwest. Top spots so far: Yosemite and Scotland. "Since we're both programmers, perhaps this should be called The Geeks Tour."

Madeleine Robins lives in San Francisco, and after 15 years as a freelance writer and editor, got a job as production editor at Klutz Books (anyone who has raised a kid in the last 30 years should remember Klutz). "The Sleeping Partner," her 11th book (and third in the Sarah Tolerance mystery series), just came out and seems to be doing well, and her historical novel set in medieval Italy is awaiting a publication date. Cecelia Holland '65, also a Bay Area writer, got Madeleine involved

in the Historical Novelists Society. On the home front, she has one daughter out of the house and in college; the other is 16 and in full-blown teen mode. "Between her, the dog and the incursion of the backyard lemon tree, my husband and I have our hands full."

Ted Schlette attended the Centennial CC Parent/Alumni Fall Harvestfest, for which daughter Audrey Schlette '14 was the chair of the fund-raising committee. Ted enjoyed running into old friends Keith Nappi '73, **Henry (Mad Dog) Tucker**, **Mark Warren**, Jonathan Gold '74 and Steve Brunetti '76. Ted says: "I could drink all day, but had no legs for evening festivities — age is catching up." Ted also sees Craig Chapman '77 regularly, "typically golf, topped off with rum & tonics."

Miriam Josephson Whitehouse lives in ME with husband Jonathan and their various pets. Miriam works in a hospital microbiology lab. Her oldest son is a computer animator in NYC; her youngest son attends Landmark College. "We get together with **Stetson Heiser** and **Ammy Bussmann Heiser** regularly."

Estella Johnson thinks that "we, as a class, do have a dearth of news, because we are a pretty modest bunch." Estella is in touch with our classmates often, and she kindly sent in news. Estella and husband Sekazi Mtingwa

spent Thanksgiving with **Cay Young** and her family in Mystic. There is a nice write-up on Cay in Airport Manager. Estella spent a fabulous weekend at the 100th celebration of the College and ran into **Mark Iger**, who lives in NYC and helped Estella's daughter find an apartment there! Estella tries to see **Salyon Harris Johnson** every Christmas. Salyon and husband Lester met at the first "mixer" on our first weekend at CC and married on graduation day in Harkness Chapel. How sweet is that?!

Estella talked to **Linda Payne Martin**, who lives in Hartford, and she is in touch with **Debra Thomas-Smith**, who lives in Sacramento. Debra is retired and has started a landscaping business. **Lisa Goldsen Yarboro** and **Tim Yarboro** both have great new jobs in the northern VA area. Estella reminded me to mention that **Dena Wolf Yeskoo** is a new member of the alumni board! You see, Estella could write this column single-handedly! Thanks for all the news!

The class extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Eugene KumeKawa**, who died 2/3.

1976

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1977

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Benita Garfinkel Goldstein transferred to Conn in 1975, intending to go to law school. She majored in American studies and remembers "unique courses, from studying grave stone rubbings in old American cemeteries with Richard Birdsall to a course on the Holocaust" and adds that she "applied to law school and fortunately did not get in." Instead she went to NYC and worked for magazines like Food and Wine and Ladies' Home Journal. She and her husband, Jordan, lived in the city for 35 years, until 2010, when they bought a historic home in Delray Beach, FL. Benita writes: "My life came full circle back to my studies and love of American history. Rather than live in the house, we decided to turn it into the first bed and breakfast in town. The most rewarding part was connecting with the Hartman family, whose ancestor had the home built in



From left, Nancy Boyd Andersen, Elizabeth Rogers Olsen, Leyman Skinner Murphy, Sue Rusk Cary and Hilary Shaw Marzot enjoy a Class of '86 mini-reunion in Feb. in Westbrook, CT.



Tommy Usdin, Brad Rost, David Fiderer and Peter Musser, all Class of '79, celebrate the CC Centennial with a night on the town in New York.



Joanne Ogurchak Holbert MA'86, her husband and their four children at her Ph.D. commencement ceremony in Dec. 2011 at the U. of Akron.

1923 (ancient by Florida standards), only to see it pass on to other owners and eventually into disrepair. We explored the history of both the family and house together and got to hear many wonderful anecdotes. At our ribbon cutting in April 2011, there were four generations of the family gathered here, thanking us for bringing the family back together. The other day I was with a great-granddaughter in the kitchen baking cookies from a 100-year-old family recipe. Does it get any better than that! Check out www.delraybeachbedandbreakfast.com to see photos and learn more about the elegant Historic Hartman House.

1978

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1979

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Dennis Dale's firm, Dale Design Landscape Architecture, continues to grow, with unique projects like the renovations to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and master planning for Plimoth

Plantation in Plymouth, MA. A recent speaking engagement brought Dennis to the Newport Beach Yacht Club in CA for the Cal Poly Pomona holiday fundraising luncheon, where he presented his work with Royal Caribbean International, "Gardens at Sea: Landscape Architecture on Cruise Ships." Dennis's son, Christopher Dale '14, enjoyed sophomore year, worked hard, and learned to throw the atlatl in Associate Professor Manuel Lizarralde's ethnobotany class. Dennis has kept in touch with Tom Howland '77 for 34 years. Tom lives in Stockholm, Sweden, and is an inveterate postcard writer — Dennis has received cards from all corners of the globe, most recently from Myanmar (Burma), and in the past, Egypt, Cambodia, South Africa, China and Malaysian Borneo, to name a few. Tom is the ultimate den lyckliga resenären ("happy traveler").

Noah Sorkin is also carrying on his legacy at CC. Daughter Dana will start this fall as a member of the Class of '16. "It makes me feel very proud (and very old!)," he says, adding that John Atkins has promised to give Dana all sorts of tips about surviving her freshman year. It's great to hear how many classmates have kids following in the CC tradition!

Luisa Franchini Shortall had lots of '79 visitors to Chicago — quick but

wonderful lunches with Dina Catani in July, Lucy Sloman in Oct., and Sue Schulman and Larry Eyink in Jan. Nina Korelitz Matza was the missing link. Great to see them all.

After a lifetime on the East Coast, Debbie D'Angeli has moved west to begin the next chapter of her life. She moved to Centennial, CO, last fall to be near family. She loves waking up to see snow-covered mountains every day, meeting friendly people and exploring the many historic towns in the area. She stays in touch with Jill Bleemer, Jay Greenspan and Ken Schweitzer and awaits visitors to her new home!

Diana Ridgway Davidson married Dale Davidson in April. They live in Fairfax, VA. Both are recently retired from government work. He is a neuropsychologist, and Diana does mediation and just started teaching yoga.

Stephanie Russell also heard wedding bells recently. "I married the love of my life on 10/29. This is my first marriage. We were married in a family church in Spartanburg, SC, among close friends and family." Congratulations to Diana and Stephanie!

David Fiderer, Peter Musser, Brad Rost and Tommy Usdin celebrated the College's Centennial in their own special way with a memorable Oct. evening in NYC, filled with stories, big laughs and trendy night spots. The group enjoyed

a sumptuous meal at the Standard Hotel, followed by several rounds at the Upstairs Rooftop Lounge at the Kimberly Hotel. The guys are contemplating getting together for a sports weekend in NC in the summer or fall.

Christine Fairchild reports, "Life has been very interesting (and surprising!). After 30+ years at Harvard, I left in July '10, unsure where I was headed. In Nov., I heard about the job of director of alumni relations at the U. of Oxford in England. It all sounded too good to be true, but I thought I'd never forgive myself if I didn't apply. So I did, and a short month later (and two trips back and forth across the Atlantic), I found myself signing the contract, putting my condo on the market, selling it and my car, divesting myself of all the detritus one accumulates after 30 years in one city and packing what was left for the move over to the U.K! I've been here since March '11 and have been having an absolute ball. The change was just what I needed — the people are lovely and welcoming, the university is complicated and utterly breathtaking, and the job itself is challenging and inspiring." She adds that the welcome mat is out in Oxford for all you traveling alums.

Christine is not the only '79er living on a campus overseas. Ben Sperry is a visiting scholar (the equivalent of assistant professor) in history at the U. of

Ghana in Accra. Ben earned his Ph.D. in history from Case Western Reserve U. in '10. His areas of specialization are the U.S. South, race, civil rights and social change in the 20th century.

Jim Polan has been taking long walks with his three dogs, Chili, Scrappy and Taj, now that both kids are at college — that is, when he's not off working in Africa, the Middle East or other developing regions. He had returned from the Republic of South Sudan, a brand-new country, and was headed for Mongolia. He keeps in touch with Tony Bowe and a few other CC friends and just bought a new lakeside house in MD.

Dan Hirschhorn's wife "kindly" let him get away for a night to attend the College's Centennial Celebration in Oct. "Our class was well represented at the Friday night dinner, and it was nice to see Paul Greeley, Wisner Murray, Tina Gould Reardon and Carter Sullivan. Mike Fishman also came from Hartford in time to see the fireworks on the College Green and to hang out afterwards." On Saturday, Dan saw Sue Avtges Kayeum and Amy Himmelstein Fabricant '80 at the picnic on the Green. "I am excited that my niece will attend CC as a freshman in the fall, giving me another reason to visit the campus, which, by the way, looked great." Dan's 9-year-old twin



Ron Hirokawa P'98, Carol Nostrand Johns '66, Linda Lidstrom Spellacy '71, Linda Abel Fosseen '69 and Jean Hirokawa P'98 in Lucerne, Switzerland, in July 2011.

boys are thriving. Gina is "hanging in there through all the turmoil at Bank of America," and Dan thoroughly enjoys his work, volunteer activities and being an "older" dad.

Vicki Chesler enjoys spending more time in NYC now that daughter Melissa has an apartment in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Melissa is in the music video production business, working with top acts like Adele, Death Cab for Cutie, John Legend and the Roots, and the Fray. Daughter Kelsey graduated from Northeastern in May with a degree in biology and a plan to work with animals. Vicki and husband Matt Kovner took their annual sailing trip to the Caribbean, this time to St. Martin, St. Bart's and Anguilla, and look forward to sailing on Long Island Sound again this summer. They have also been doing marketing consulting in the city and real estate projects near their home in Ulster County.

Jan Merrill-Morin has been the assistant women's track/field and cross-country coach at Rutgers U. since Feb. '07.

Carol Vaas Biron and **Carolyn Carr Bruckner** caught up in Manchester, NH, and decided, after years of procrastination, it was time to send in an update. Carolyn's son, Matthew, having graduated last year from the U. of Colorado, is a mechanical engineer in Denver. Twin daughters Emily and Allyson are off to college this fall after highly successful high-school careers in academics, sports and drama at St. Johnsbury Academy in VT. Carolyn is in her 16th year teaching high-school mathematics at Oxbow in Bradford, VT (Professor Walter Brady would be proud). Husband John is an independent contractor and winters at Cannon Mountain, running the Cannon Kids Ski School Program.

Carol's daughter Carrie graduated last Aug. from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, where she is now in the master's in architecture program. Youngest daughter Sarah is a freshman at Johns Hopkins U. and spends most of her time on the lacrosse field as a midfielder for the Blue Jays. Carol is VP of business development for a company in Westborough, MA. Husband Scott teaches PE at a local middle school and coaches lacrosse for Acton High School and Mass Elite.

1980

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Trustee **Scott Hafner** writes: "It is

sad but true: After a very productive seven years on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, with the last three as its president, **Connie Smith Gemmer's** term is expiring on 6/30. Connie has given the Alumni Board a renewed sense of purpose and direction, inspiring its members to greater productivity and sense of personal value. The president of the Alumni Board also serves on the College's Board of Trustees and in that position, Connie has been a consistent voice for closer engagement with all alumni. While her many accomplishments during this time have benefited the College, it has been a great source of pride to our class to always see 'Connie Smith Gemmer '80.' We can relish her tenure, leadership and generosity as coming from 'one of our own.' Her presence on campus will be missed but thankfully, our class has her for life."

Carol Drew has been at the FDA for 15 years, currently in the department that focuses on the regulation of tobacco products. Her daughter is in fifth grade.

Amy Kohn Cohn and husband Marty moved to Denver from Miami earlier this year. It was a big move and a great job opportunity for Marty, and Amy plans to become part of a very active quilting and sewing community. She isn't a skier (yet) but is enjoying the gorgeous view from their Denver apartment and may soon venture out on snowshoes.

Henry Hauser reports all is well in OH, where he works for UBS and is on the board of the Dawes Arboretum, which is a special place for Henry, as it was started by his great-grandfather. It boasts about 1,800 acres, eight miles of hiking trails, an auto tour, more than 15,000 plants and an observation tower with a great view! This June, Henry will help the arboretum host the American Association of Botanical Gardens. Check it out at www.dawesarb.org. Henry's daughter is a sophomore at Marietta College, and his son is a freshman at Carnegie Mellon.

Elizabeth Child is embarking on a new adventure. She is in a master of arts in organizational leadership program and she teaches yoga. She's also continuing her marketing communications business and magazine, Redoux Home.

Kathleen Cairns is a psychologist in a private practice in West Hartford, CT. She also writes a weekly column, "LIFE GOES ON," at www.ctwatchdog.com.

Tim Dempsey says: "My eldest has finished college and is (hooray) gainfully employed; my younger son is pursuing a degree in health and

exercise science. There is hope the next generation will be better off than our own!" Tim launched his consulting practice, Elastic Brands, four years ago, and business is thriving. His new business partner happens to be his significant other. They do strategy, go-to-market planning and content marketing for tech companies. Work takes him to Geneva, Switzerland, and San Francisco, where he sees **Scott Hafner** and is a regular at Hafner Vineyard. He's also seen **Henry Hauser** a number of times in the Boston area.

1981

Correspondent: **Talie Ward Harris**, homerbird@hotmail.com

Nancy Lundeberg thought it was "great to see everyone at Reunion last June! I am grateful to **Paul Escoll** for driving us both back to NYC. (He is a very good driver!) Nancy is chief operating officer of the American Geriatrics Society and has lived on the Upper West Side since '86. She spends her free time on photography and traveling, and she has seen a lot of **Linda Rosenthal Maness** lately, as Linda frequently visits daughter Kate in the city. Nancy loves Facebook as "a great way to reconnect with and keep up with fellow CC alums. It's a bit like running into someone at midnight in Cro, without the temptation of a snack."

Rusty Spears and wife Tonya celebrate 27 years of marriage this June. Eldest daughter Emily graduated from Centre College last May after three years and applied to teach in Korea. Son Grant is a rising sophomore at Westminster College, and daughter Karen is a rising high-school senior. The Spears family relocated to PA in '10 so Rusty could work as a product manager for personal lines at Harleysville Insurance Co. "It was great to see **Diane Deedy** at Reunion after 30 years!"

Tamara Vertefeuille Greenleaf and husband Todd Hudson '80 donated subscriptions to OnBoard Yourself — a Web-based professional skills development program for interns and recent college grads — to all CC students and recent graduates. Tamara and Todd live in Portland, OR, where they enjoy the "locavore wine-beer-coffee-and-food-carts-fueled outdoor lifestyle." When not managing her PR agency, Tamara is writing, hiking or kayaking in OR's waters.

In '11, **Lynn Lesniak Needle** participated in the Dance in the Desert annual festival hosted in Las Vegas. She was invited as guest artist to perform three solos and also taught master classes in the Nikolais technique, contact impro-

visation and nontraditional partnering, and a Pilates/yoga conditioning class. Son Max attends Washington U. in St. Louis, where he plays basketball for the Bears and is a rising senior in the Olin School of Business. Lynn enjoyed her trip to Curacao with husband Mark and welcomed the opportunity to reconnect with many alumni at Reunion, including **Joh Siff**.

Linda Rosenthal Maness often sees **Nancy Lundeberg** in NYC. They attended the Alexander McQueen exhibit, "with insightful commentary by my daughter, Kate!" She walked a 10K in Foxborough, finishing at the 50-yard line in Gillette Stadium. She and husband David had dinner with Robert Seide '80 and wife Cheryl the night before the event. Linda is a sixth-grade teacher in VT.

Karen Lanphear Malinowski and **Wayne Malinowski** celebrate their 30th anniversary this June! "Our five children are our greatest accomplishments. Wayne took the empty nest thing in stride and has helped me adjust to the deafening quiet. He has 28 years and counting at Kodak, but his passion lies in his enormous tomato crop, planting well over 2,000 plants a year. I work at a local chiropractic office. Cheers from western NY!"

Costanza Stein-Mollard and husband Marc live just outside Paris in Montmorency, home to the famous cherry tree. (My husband Joel, daughter Phoebe and I visited Coco and her sister-in-law both in Paris and Honfleur while we toured the WWII beaches in Normandy. We had an extended stay in '10 due to the volcanic ash in Iceland prohibiting air travel for more than a week. Oh, shucks!) Coco and Brigitte host guests at their apartment in Paris and very spacious and comfortable home in Honfleur. Check out www.beehome.fr if you plan to be in France. Coco also hosted many of Sarah Fournier's wedding party in Paris. The indomitable Ms. Fournier, CC's associate director of alumni relations, was such a help to us at our 30th Reunion last June, and we all wish her a blissful first year of marriage! Coco writes: "I have started cross-cultural communication workshops. I am totally fascinated by managing diversity in the workplace. Marc and I have almost finished renovating our home by ourselves. On the weekends we enjoy visiting chateaux, abbeys and any other old stones we can find. Please let me know if you're coming my way!"

1982

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Jim Astrove retired from a 28-year career in education this June and will be working full time as a cyber-ethicist for his consulting company, CUSP19, which focuses on cyber use, safety and policy for businesses, schools, camps and community groups. Jim does presentations and consultations, helping clients with Internet safety, how to best utilize technology and best practices for that use.

Karla Dakin, who transferred from CC, attends alumni events and wants to keep in touch! She just submitted a finished manuscript to Timber Press for a book on green roof design. It will be published later this year. The book describes the design process behind green roofs and roof gardens, using examples from all over the world.

Marc Romanow started a management consulting practice in '10 and now has clients in central CT. He helps owners of companies solve their issues and create new opportunities. This may include sales development, hiring and mentoring talent, budgeting/forecasting, production efficiency, or expense management. Check him out at www.romanowadvisors.com, on Facebook or on Twitter (@macromanow). Marc has reconnected with many classmates through Facebook and LinkedIn, and he recommends that we all do as well, if we haven't already!

Susan Jacobson lives in Philadelphia and owns a communications company, Jacobson Strategic Communications. She represents large institutions and businesses in the region. Last year, she was asked to be the PA State Lead to the White House Office of Public Engagement. She and husband Michael celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. He is chief of vascular surgery at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. Daughter Elizabeth graduated from Yale and is a research analyst at Morgan Stanley in NY, and son Robert is a freshman at the U. of Pennsylvania. Brains beget brains!

Nick Odams relocated to Augusta, GA, last summer with ADP, where he is in the Time & Labor Management Implementation Center as a TLM implementation manager. He enjoys being in a new area of the country.

Elizabeth George James had a wonderful six-week holiday in the U.S. in Dec. and Jan. She enjoyed seeing snow in Seattle. She traveled with children David, 8, and Peter, 2, who had a blast meeting their cousins. Elizabeth lives in Brisbane, Australia, working in her own chartered accounting firm. Husband Phil works in IT for his own company.

Rufus Winton writes: "It's shocking

that 30 years have passed since two classmates and I rented a small cottage on a farm in Mystic senior year. We three were returning from junior years away and couldn't face another in the Plex. As much as our rental property was idyllic and isolated, I'm afraid it didn't generate many Thoreau-like thoughts. It was, however, large enough to play golf around its perimeter — which we did, often in our underwear, smoking cigarettes and consuming beverages.

George Rogers, Bob (Bumper)

Hartfiel and I endured the hassle of driving to and from campus each day in order to enjoy the leisurely pace of libertine country living some 10 miles east. We attended class with enough regularity to graduate in May. Indeed, to my utter consternation, George was awarded some American studies award at graduation. And, here I thought I knew him; a likable fellow slacker with a lousy golf game. "What a striver!" I thought, alone in the last row, without any distinction, much less a girlfriend sorry to see me go. We three shopped for meals and stuffed wood into the pot-bellied stove to warm the place, keeping ourselves from freezing without burning it down. George cooked, I washed dishes and Bumper entertained. Despite our rather dissipated (well, apparently not George) off-campus existence in '81-'82, two of us have since served our great alma mater as trustees. And all three of us are doing well. You never know."

Chris Fascione celebrates reading and "Bringing Literature to Life" every day. He travels the country performing his one-man show, which combines storytelling, mime, juggling and lots of fun, in schools, libraries and museums, as well as for special events and corporations. For a glimpse into the magic of Chris's show, visit www.chrisfascione.com.

Andrew Chait, wife Hedy and son Jeremy live in NYC. Jeremy loves his first-grade class at Browning. He also attends Sunday school and likes Sunday "guy" mornings, when he and Dad go out to breakfast, and then Dad takes him to Sunday school and spends the morning at his office, where he is president of the Temple Emanu-El Men's Club. "We were thrilled to see the Giants' victory in the Super Bowl and now hope that the Yankees and Rangers can follow suit. We took a Mediterranean cruise on Disney Cruise Line last summer with the entire Chait family, and everyone had a great time. Jeremy enjoyed it so much we are doing the Disney cruise

from NY to Nova Scotia this summer. We also spent some time in Chatham at the end of the summer."

Deborah Salomon Smith has stepped down as class correspondent. The class and the College owe her a debt of gratitude for all of her hard work over the years! She's left class notes duties in the capable hands of her co-correspondent, **Eliza Helman Kraft**. Please send your news to Eliza at one of the addresses at the top of this column.

1983

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Leslie Yager's daughter, Ella, finished Greenwich High and is now at Wesleyan U., where she edits *Unlocked Magazine* and passed her DJ test for WESU. Leslie's husband, Steve, runs *Walkers Shortbread*, so the kitchen's always brimming with cookies. For years, Leslie volunteered in Greenwich public schools, and after a term as PTA president, she wrote a novel about PTA moms behaving badly. (Are there any alumni out there in publishing?) Now she works for Patch Media as a community manager (www.GreenwichPatch.com). She is looking for bloggers in Fairfield and Westchester counties, with blogging a fast-growing feature of Patch. It turns out that Tim Armstrong '93 runs AOL and Patch Media — small world. Contact Leslie at leslie.yager@gmail.com.

Helen MacDonald Hobbs reports that son Edmund graduated from the Cathedral School for Boys a few years ago, and son Albert is an eighth-grader there. Time flies! Helen also has two girls, Alice, 23, a graduate of U. of San Francisco with a master's degree and credential in elementary-school teaching, and Laura, 19, who is taking a gap year before college and works in Argentina. Life is busy and wonderful.

Tedd Saunders continues to help transform the world's largest service sector, travel and tourism, toward a more sustainable (and profitable) future through his company *EcoLogical Solutions*. Their latest initiative was to install Boston's first private, curbside electric-vehicle charging station outside the Lenox Hotel. Saunders Hotel Group was selected as one of only three international finalists for the prestigious World Travel & Tourism Council's "Tourism for Tomorrow Award" for Exceptional Community Benefit!

Jane Wickstrom helps people

around the world gain access to the reproductive health services they need to improve their health and fulfill their dreams. She has traveled and worked in most countries of Africa and Asia and lived in Vietnam and Ghana for extended periods of time. Jane has two gorgeous daughters, who are fun, compassionate and loving. She struggles with the difficulties of autism and how that epidemic can affect everyone in the family, so she has had a rich, exciting and enlightening 30 years post-CC. Jane is in touch with old CC friends, especially **Sally Grafstein Blinken**, **Glenn Harris**, **Lucia Carpinteri Motta**, **Andy Hoffman** and **Jane Dickey Renaud**, and anyone else she sees around NYC.

Julia Greenway Cosman is working hard toward her next solo art exhibition, which will be in ME this summer, and substitute teaching at the Charles River School in Dover, MA. She sees classmates **Terry Graves Windhorst**, **Marina Armellini Janus** and **Carolyn Howard Parsons** '84 frequently.

David Kaster still lives in Princeton, NJ. In Oct., at the wedding of daughter Danielle Kaster '09, he had a once-in-a-lifetime reunion: **Michael Mombello** and **Julie Pierson Mombello**, **David Upin** and **Marissa Rosenblum**, **Paul Weiss** '82 and **Linnea Elssesser Weiss** '81, **Jim (the Skipper) Hardy** and wife Anne, and **Mark Finnegan** and **Hilary Bovers Finnegan** '85 all traveled to Toronto for the party of the year.

"Turning 50 the next day was certainly an exclamation point on a great CC gathering." David is also in touch with **Herb Holtz** and **Guy DeFrances**. He sends a huge hello to his classmates and congratulates all of us on hitting the half-century mark! "See you at our 30th!"

Kaoru Usami has lived in Darien, CT, since '04, keeping in touch with several classmates. He looks forward to hearing who is doing what in this Tri-City area.

This has been a year of big beginnings for **Jessica Tolmach Plett** and her family. Son Nicholas was a freshman at Oberlin, and Jessica began a new job as the strategic director for Condé Nast Traveler. She still sees **Doug Kirk** '84 and **Victoria Howe Kirk** '84, since they live a few blocks away in Larchmont, NY, and Jessica's younger son, Zachary, is in school with their son, Will.

Carolyn Spector Landes is the executive director of Mission: Restore, a nonprofit organization that provides life-changing reconstructive

surgery to children and adults in need, both globally and locally. The overarching goal is to create a sustainable infrastructure where long-term relationships are forged and permanent change is made. This year trips include Haiti, Afghanistan, Myanmar, El Salvador, Rwanda and Nepal. The organization educates and trains future medical professionals dedicated to volunteer care as well as invests in scientific research on developing better reconstructive surgery practices and procedures. Carolyn hosts numerous exciting fundraisers in NYC and Long Island and would love for "old" friends to join her. She looks forward to reconnecting with her friends at Reunion. Carolyn is married to Alan Landes, a professor and the men's tennis coach at Queens College, and they live on Long Island. Daughter Lexi, 7, is in second grade at Solomon Schechter Day School, where Carolyn serves on the board of trustees.

Oren Tasini's daughter Madeleine Hannah Tasini was accepted at CC in the Class of '16 and will matriculate this fall. Meanwhile, older daughter Sara spent six months in Paris for her junior year abroad at Emory U. Oren and wife Tammy celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary as they live, compared to their children, their sedate life in South FL, where they enjoy the sun and surf but sometimes miss the big city.

1984

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1985

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In addition to being a psychologist and educational consultant, **Melinda Macht-Greenberg**, Ph.D., teaches in Tufts U.'s child development department.

Carol Tolliver-Darwick, husband Ed and son Evan, 10, are based out of the suburbs of Detroit, where they moved after Carol had lived in NYC for 17 years. Ed's job has taken them back and forth to Asia over the past five years, first in Hiroshima, Japan,

and now in Nanjing, China. "We have been fortunate to travel throughout Asia and are finding life in China complicated but rewarding." Back in MI, Carol works for Ralph Lauren. She is in touch with Janet Christofano '86 and was sorry to miss the 25th Reunion.

Sue Brandes Hilger has been in Baltimore for 16 years with husband David and children Alex, 13, and Anna, 9. Sue has made a number of job changes over the past few years, and in May '11 she finally landed with a solid company, as VP of franchise development (aka sales) for Kiddie Academy, an educational childcare franchise. David continues in real estate, but his hobby is entrepreneurship; "he's got a hyperbaric chamber business and a dating, events and reality show venture." The kids are active in school and sports — "never a dull moment in our household." If any classmates are ever in Baltimore, the door is always open!

Todd Berman lives in Killingworth, CT, and works as a senior environmental analyst in Hartford. He married Lynne Maccubbin on 10/1. Son Nat's soccer team often practices at CC.

In the fall of '10, **Sue Kur Lees** started her own baking business, Susie's Baking, in Needham, MA — the idea is that "everything is delicious (of course) but also healthy." Her products include five varieties of challah bread, rolls, muffins and granola.

Since earning her M.F.A. in dance 27 years ago, **Pamala Lewis** has lived in the Netherlands for 10 years, teaching and performing vocal dances at Utrecht U., in Amsterdam and around Europe. "My dog and I survived a major DC-10 plane crash in Portugal in '92, and eventually I returned to America to marry in '04. To shake up my now very quiet life in the woods of CT, I am traveling to southern India to continue my in-depth study and practice of embodied meditation/yoga and dance."

Paul Rogers still loves life in Mystic, CT. He and wife Clare celebrated their 25th anniversary in Feb. by traveling to Sanibel Island, FL. This spring, Paul had his 20th anniversary as an independent financial adviser (Rogers Financial Services in Groton) and daughter Abby turned 10. Lots of milestones! "We're blessed to live very close to my parents. My dad is Brian Rogers, a longtime CC librarian, now retired. We watch soccer and basketball games at CC, and when I was on campus recently, I was truly in awe of the fact that we graduated

over 30 years ago." Paul is in touch with freshman roommate **Jeff Wiener**. "If any old Camel friends are in town, our guest bedroom is usually available!"

Peter Benoit and Jessica are down to one child left in the house, as their two sons are at college (not CC). He recently started at Citi as LATAM consumer regional director of collections & infrastructure. Peter attended **Duncan Robertson's** holiday party, where he caught up with **Paul Stueck**, Peggy Harlow '87 and **Libby Marston Twitchell**.

Kim Norton Butler lives in New Canaan, CT, with husband Bill and four kids — three boys and a girl.

Jill Strickman and son Oliver recently visited to see the renovation of Kim's 100-year-old house, and when Kim traveled to Boston for a family reunion, she met **Marc Gearin** for a drink at the Boston Harbor Hotel. "Life is good!"

Fran Trafton Barnes has lived in Washington, DC, since leaving CC. Her husband is an architect, and Fran works at Girls on the Run, a nonprofit that provides an afterschool youth development program for young girls, combining teaching healthy living habits and building self-esteem with running and training for a 5K. Fran's older daughter is a sophomore at Yale, and the younger is a senior in high school, heading off to NYU/Tisch in the fall to study photography. "I ran the Philadelphia marathon in Nov. and was thrilled to be cheered on by **Eric Kaplan** at mile 23! As a relative newbie on Facebook, it is nice to reconnect with CC friends."

Liz Swinton Schoen is the general counsel for the Shepherd Center, a long-term acute care and rehabilitation hospital specializing in catastrophic spinal cord and brain injuries in Atlanta. Randy, her husband of 20 years, is a patent attorney and Ph.D. electrical engineer for a law firm. Daughter Alexandra is a freshman at Georgia Tech and son Christopher is a junior in high school. They have lived in the Atlanta area for more than 20 years — Marietta, GA, for the past 15 years. Liz is a '90 graduate of Emory U. School of Law, and her husband is a graduate of Georgia Tech and Georgia State U. School of Law. They spend a lot of their free time "chilling" at Lake Sinclair.

in Ellington, CT. She married Robert W. Bell Jr. in July '08 and enjoys an occasional acting gig in "Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding" and watching her husband play guitar in venues throughout CT.

Jeff Kazin's life is "utterly still . . . still the director of The Bang Group (21 years now), still with my partner of 28 years, Chris . . . still have our Jack Russell terrier, Adversity — although we did finally have to put our other Jack Russell, Calamity, to sleep last June . . . and still live in the same apartment we've been in for 17 years." The Bang Group (www.thebanggroup.com) was in residence at CC in March, creating a new work for students in the dance department, which premiered April 19-21.

Sprague Simonds was promoted to the director of mental health at the ME State Prison and also serves as the chief psychologist at Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland. "I carry a small private practice and teach college seminars in the evenings. I have a home by the ocean that I share with my two dogs and many summer and winter visitors. My golf game has gotten pretty good, and the striper and blue fishing is always excellent; skiing is super in the winter months." Chris Coyne '88 (www.coynefineart.com) did some fantastic paintings for Sprague during a recent visit. "Last summer I was lucky to get a visit from Daisy Edelson '87, who is the senior vice president and business director of impressionist and modern art at Sotheby's in NYC. We sat on the porch looking at the ocean and had a few cocktails. Friends are encouraged to visit!"

Deb Vleno Esborn is a designer for George Davis Inc., a builder in South Yarmouth, MA. "I design spaces and kitchens for some beautiful houses around Cape Cod." Daughter Elizabeth

graduated from Northeastern U., son Andy works in the construction field and youngest son Gar will be a senior in high school this fall. "My husband and I look forward to the day the tuition bills stop coming!"

Heidi Geiges downsized her living quarters to save money. "Moving after six years in the same place is definitely no fun." She had a great trip back east for Thanksgiving, visiting family and friends, "notably a hospitable stay at **Mike Stryker's** and tooling around NYC with **Beth Block**." She had so much fun at Reunion celebrating 25 years, she already can't wait to see everyone again at the 30th!

Christina Priest Beebe teaches middle-school 3-D studio art (sculpture, pottery) in West Simsbury, CT, and runs her "organic garden design/install business. I stay involved with Simsbury Crew (daughter Cate rows varsity stroke seat), Masters School ski club (son Jack is a freshman), and tons of church and community volunteering."

Peter Moor and family have lived in L.A. since '97. "It takes a while to get used to this town (being from Chicago), but we have grown to love it, and enjoy raising our two boys here." Peter is still involved in comedy and performing ("something that will never leave me") but has been in education since '01, first as a classroom teacher for inner-city middle-school kids, and now as a private tutor for L.A. high-school kids with needs. "After seeing the photos of the 25th Reunion, I would love to make it to the 30th! The Chicago Cubs are still my passion, and I will never forget them tanking in the playoffs in '84, when I was living in Smith-Burdick. Fellow students brought me soup and checked up on me as I wallowed in misery for a few days in my bed!"

Thomas Wilinsky is an attorney with his own law firm in NY, "braving the recession and working very hard as a director of Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy to prevent shale gas extraction from poisoning upstate drinking water supplies." **Susan Spencer, Joan Robins Brady** and Thomas all belong to a book group, and he is in touch with **Sharis Arnold Pozen, Wendy Wadsworth Martin, Jenny Normand Groome**, and **Peter Bakkala** '87 and **Jenny Kahn Bakkala** '87. Susan was named editor of Woman's Day; Sharis was the acting assistant attorney general for antitrust; and Joan has a growing photography business (www.joanbradyp photography.com).

In Jan., **Jim Richardson** attended a Celtics game with **Kevin McGann, Doug Bigham** and **Mike Akerson**.

Bill Walter lives in Tucson, AZ, working as editorial director of Learning A-Z

(www.learninga-z.com), an online-based educational publisher. "It's been a great gig thus far," and Bill relishes not having to deal with snow.

Melinda Fee Vigolo is a senior content editor for Fidelity Investment's User Experience Design group in the Research Triangle, Durham, NC. After living in Acton, MA, for 10 years, she, husband Paulo and daughter Isabella, 10, moved to Hillsborough, NC, in Aug. '10.

Mark Margolis lives in Dallas "ever since hurricane Katrina swept us out of New Orleans" and enjoys a new practice with Metropolitan Anesthesia Consultants, an all-physician practice of 60 doctors. Daughter Edie is a sophomore at Indiana U., and Emily is a sophomore in high school. "Weezy loves living in Dallas as well, because it is a city that functions. We will celebrate our 25th anniversary this July."

Dayamudra (Ann) Dennehy lives in San Francisco, where she teaches ESL at City College and the Academy of Art. Last summer she was ordained as Dhammacharini in the Triratana Buddhist Order. Seven years of focused Buddhist training culminated in an intensive three-month meditation retreat in the Aragon mountains of Spain. At her ordination, Ann received a new name, Dayamudra, which means "gesture of compassion" and is the name she now uses. Dayamudra is the creative director of her own nonprofit, Jai Bhim International, which serves youth from the Dalit, or ex-untouchable, community in India, and recently spent a month leading projects in South India. "It is meaningful, inspiring work. I would love to hear from classmates with interest in social change work, educational projects in India, youth leadership or anything even tangentially related. Happy Year of the Dragon!"

Trying to maintain their routine of at least one annual visit, **Elizabeth Rogers Olsen, Nancy Boyd Andersen, Leyman Skinner Murphy, Sue Rusk Cary** and **Hilary Shaw Marzot** got together for a Feb. weekend in Westbrook, CT, to walk the beach, enjoy the spa, and catch up on all their collective lives and goings on. Elizabeth writes, "Nothing like reuniting with our original Harkness pals!"

Catherine Irons Olson and Rick Olson '87 have been married for 24 years and have four children: Zachary, 15; Sam, 11; Maggie, 8; and 20-year-old Tom Olson '14. "We live on Cape Cod and love it! I teach and carpool the kids around. Was happy to attend **Jim Richardson's** wedding two summers ago."

Chris Fray had a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends **Brad Wade, Leonard Elentuck, Ronnie**

Venture and **Jon McEwan** at our 25th Reunion, but also found Reunion great for making new friends she didn't know at college, like **Heidi Geiges** and **Beth Block**. A month after Reunion, during summer break, Chris saw her husband fall down 25 feet of sharp rock during a hike in Brattleboro, VT. "He had to be helicoptered to Dartmouth Medical Center; after two major surgeries, I was able to nurse him back to health at home for the rest of the summer. He was very lucky it wasn't worse; he is healing nicely and will be ready to help me lead 20 of my students on a two-week trip to China this summer."

1987

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Karen Frey Jacobs lives in Westport, CT, with daughter Taylor, 15, and son Mac, 11. She runs the Chad A. Jacobs Foundation, which was established when her husband passed away in June '10. The foundation provides academic and athletic scholarships to Fairfield County children in need.

Maureen Moore Auer has lived in Fairfield, CT, for 20 years. She was back on campus last spring looking at colleges with her oldest son. "Talk about feeling old! CC looks great, and it was fun to be back. Looking forward to Reunion!"

After 20 years working with the older population, **Sean Kane** decided to return to CC to enroll in courses that he couldn't take as an undergraduate. "Since fall of '09, I have taken eight courses in the art, theater and dance departments. I have enjoyed many on-campus theater, lecture and arts events and have found a community accepting of me. Thank you, Connecticut College!" Daughter Mariah, 18, is a freshman at Central Connecticut State U.; Olivia, 17, is a senior at Ledyard High School; and son Nicholas, 15, is a freshman at St. Bernard High School. "All are happy and healthy."

Katherine Ward Eaddy writes that "life is good but very busy with my 13-year-old daughter and 11-year-old twin boys." Katie went back to graduate school at Widener U., where she is working toward a second master's degree in clinical social work. "I am interning in an inpatient hospice setting and find it meaningful."

Gregory Walke is married and has a new baby named Rick. Gregory is vice president of program management at Von Roll U.S.A.

1986

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Leah Kotler is a licensed clinical social worker in a private group practice

Susan Spencer '86

was named editor-in-chief of Woman's Day in January. Previously the executive editor of All You, where she oversaw the development of health, relationships, consumer and food content, Spencer also had worked as deputy managing editor at Time Inc. Content Solutions, where she developed health and lifestyle magazines for corporate clients such as Pfizer, and as senior editor of Child magazine.

Thank you to all who have returned last fall's postcards requesting news. It's been great to hear from everyone and nice to have such ample columns in the magazine. If you haven't sent us news yet and still have your card, it's not too late — mail it in! — or email or snail mail us at the above addresses.

1988

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Nancy Beaney and **Jaime Arze** were married 9/10 in Wallingford, PA. Camels in attendance included the groom's sister, **Alexandra Ortiz Farrell '04**, and **Andrea Neiditz Silverstein**, Jennifer Taylor Berry '89, **Hal Berry**, **Philip Dolan**, **Anita Nadelson**, **Tom Garvey**, **Lawrence (Tiggy) Howard**, **Victoria Johnson Sanborn**, **Dudley Kenefick De Saint Phalle**, **Jennifer Krane Tarleton**, **Duncan MacDonald**, **Bill Warren '87** and **Leslie Williams**.

Tara Kilbane Dixon met up with the new couple and **Olivia Cottrell** in Dec. in Santa Monica, CA, where Tara co-hosted a benefit with Flawless Foundation. The benefit featured Gratitude Designs by Tara Dixon (Brooklyn, NY), a company based on acknowledgement and gratitude and that was born out of a series of paintings started by Tara in the spring of '10. In keeping with the spirit of her company, Tara donates a percentage of her proceeds to the foundation on an ongoing basis. Her West Coast friends were very happy to spend time with her, hear about her extraordinary and inspiring adventures, and support her good works.

John Barnett and wife **Katie** welcomed their first child, **James Patrick**, on 12/19. They live in Studio City, CA.

Dear classmates, submissions of your updates and musings are encouraged and most welcome!

1989

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1990

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1991

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Heather Morrison-Pentland lives in Darien, CT, with husband **Bill** and sons **Ian**, 5, and **Charlie**, 3. "I work for myself at New Leaf Acupuncture in Stamford, CT, as an acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist, which I have been doing for the past 10 years since studying Chinese medicine in the U.S. and China."

Paula Mirto Bleakley recently accepted a new position as principal of Holmes Elementary School in Darien, CT. Congratulations Paula!!

Melissa Ferguson Zabin moved to the Philippines last summer and reconnected with an old friend, fellow classmate **Bambee Bartolome Tambunting**. "I am writing a blog of my experiences here (melisthinking.wordpress.com), and the post '23 years ago' is about reconnecting with old friends."

Shannon K'doah Range writes: "My life consists of the following: little league baseball, playing trains, ballet class, piano lessons, Odyssey of the Mind, Lego Robotics, swimming lessons, playdates, mac-n-cheese, fruit rollups, Star Wars, American Girl dolls, bouncy houses, milk before bedtime, peas not touching the potatoes. Oh, wait... that's my kids' lives (William, 8; Lila, 3). Though my life is not that much different. In my spare time, I have a full-time job at the San Francisco Friends School (go Quakers!), play creaky-kneed softball and basketball, and go on Netflix dates with my wife (sitting in bed watching streamed episodes of 'Mad Men'). Though I'm now ensconced in San Francisco life, I do pass by CC every summer driving to vacation on Martha's Vineyard. The last time I saw a person wearing a CC sweatshirt, it turned out they had graduated in the 21st century and were still in diapers when we all graduated — how did we get to be this old?"

Paul Kates still works at IBM as an enterprise sales representative for Tivoli, within the insurance vertical in the NY area. Paul's family lives in Livingston, NJ. Son **Noah**, 6, is doing well at school and enjoys all types of after-school activities: sports, art, cooking. Logan, 3, tries to do everything his older

brother does and is also carving out his own niche in the family hierarchy. Wife **Ilene** consults for Rutgers part time, in keeping with her social work endeavors. Thanks to social media, Paul is in touch with the old gang from Blackstone and the Quad. Running is still his favorite pastime, and he does some of the same races every year (Cherry Blossom in DC in April, Broad Street in Philly in May, Philly Rock-n-Roll in Sept., A.C. Half Marathon in Oct., Philly Marathon in Nov.), "so if you ever need someone to make you run with a smile, look me up."

Matt Young is happy with his family in Briarcliff Manor, NY: "my beautiful wife, **Tara**, and my two boys, **Ben**, 8, plays guitar, and wants to be an artist when he grows up. **Toby**, 6, plays piano, and wants to be a racecar driver when he gets big." Matt works in Ossining, teaching fourth-graders. "It is rewarding to find others with a similar sense of humor."

Congratulations to **John Maggiore**, who was named chief of staff to NY Lt. Gov. **Robert Duffy**!! John lives in Albany.

David Faux survived his clients' last-minute needs during NY Fashion Week and is glad things have calmed down a bit. David, his wife and his daughter had lunch with **Chris Wallerstein**'s family in NJ, and he enjoyed seeing a Rangers game with **Marc Schlossberg**. "Marc's daughter, by the way, did a great job babysitting my little one, **Miwa**." David is in regular contact with **Julia Stonestreet Smith**, fascinated by her ever-growing national business as a professional psychic.

Cathy Eliot lives in Silver Spring, MD, with husband **Bill** and sons **Jack**, 8, and **Matthew**, 2. She teaches movement classes for aspiring actors and hopes to start a master's program in occupational therapy this fall. Having active boys, she is learning more than she ever thought possible about ball sports!

1992

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1993

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1995

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Bernadette Macca '95

was inducted into the Stonington (Conn.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Now the head coach of the Mitchell College women's basketball and tennis teams, **Macca** was named the New England Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year for basketball in 2011. She previously served as Mitchell's softball coach and sports information director, also coached at Bloomsburg University, Elmira College, Wells College and Utica College.

1996

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Brett Goldstein '96, chief data officer for the city of Chicago, was recognized by Government Technology magazine as a Top 25 Doer, Dreamer & Driver of 2012. Along with the city's social media director and chief technology officer, **Goldstein** was credited with "using technology to revamp city operations and reshape public perception." He had previously headed the Chicago Police Department's Predictive Analytics Group. **Goldstein** is married to **Sarah Duggan Goldstein '97** and is the son of **Myrna Chandler Goldstein '70**.

Ben Taylor is married and lives in Chicago. He left Playboy Magazine in Sept. (after 11 years) to tour full time with his soul band, **JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound**. In the last year, the band released its second album, "Want More" (Bloodshot Records), which is in rotation on WCNJ (New London), WXRT (Chicago), KEXP (Seattle), WXPJ (Philadelphia), WYMS (Milwaukee), and KDHX (St. Louis). "We scored a viral hit with our cover of Wilco's 'I Am Trying to Break Your Heart' and performed it live with Wilco's **Jeff Tweedy**. The song was featured as Song of the Day on NPR.org." Ben's band was personally invited by Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** to play his inauguration celebration in Chicago. They have opened for **Robert Plant**, **Peter Bjorn & John**, **Buddy Guy** and **Maroon 5**, and have toured Spain, Italy and the entire U.S. Ben was also featured in a recent article on pastemagazine.com, "20 Musicians Discuss Their College Majors," in which he talked about how he's used his anthropology major. "I've recently hung out with **Fitz Gitter**, **Quinn Sullivan '97**, **Jamie Myer '97** and **Nate Heard '94**."

Lisa Paone and **Gretchen Shuman Platt** have stepped down after several dedicated years in their roles as class correspondents. The class and the College is grateful for their many years of hard work. If you would like to volunteer as correspondent, please contact Class Notes Coordinator **Karen Laskey** at the address above.

1997

Correspondent: **Ann Bevan Hollas**, 1443 Beacon St. #105, Brookline, MA 02446, annbevan23@gmail.com

Amanda Ryland was promoted from director to vice president of business development of Remington Group Inc., a project management company in Wayne, PA, where she has worked since '07. Amanda has worked for 15 years in business development, strategic business planning, marketing and performance improvement solutions. She serves as events chair on the board of Philadelphia Commercial Real Estate Women and development chair on the board and executive committee for the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls. She also is an active member of the Delaware Valley Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers. Amanda lives in Gladwyne, PA.

1998

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Jonna Grimsby lives in Boston with her husband, Jamie Stankiewicz. She earned her Ph.D. in biology in '09 from the U. of Massachusetts and is now a molecular biologist in the genome sequencing platform of the Broad Institute in Cambridge. She misses her Camel friends and would like to arrange a TNE or crush party with them as soon as possible.

Nate Heller moved to Accra, Ghana, to become West Africa director for Impact Energies, which sells solar lights and clean cookstoves through microfinance banks. He welcomes all visitors.

Edith Prendergast and husband Juan Hernandez celebrated the birth of their son, Alejandro, on 10/31 at 6:52 a.m. They are having a lot of fun and are super happy. Alejandro was immediately welcomed into the CC Park Slope, Brooklyn, family.

Alec Todd and wife Sarah welcomed a beautiful baby boy named Sean Alexander on 2/28. While Alec was hoping for a Leap Day baby, the rest of his family hoped otherwise. "Being a new dad really is amazing! But I still have a hard time realizing that I didn't just walk out of the hospital with someone else's child," says Alec. "Everyone is doing well after delivery, and while the transition to home has been a hard one, with lots of sleepless nights, we can't seem to stop staring at him in amazement when he's asleep."

1999

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Margaret Ives '99

was named a partner of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP. As a partner in the Boston firm's Intellectual Property Litigation and Major Commercial Litigation Practice Groups, Ives will focus on patent and trade secret litigation and licensing disputes. She also represents corporations and financial institutions in complex business litigation. Ives, who has been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star, earned her law degree from The Catholic University of America.

2000

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2001

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Eric Levai is now a writer/producer at FUEL TV's "Follow Skyler," a sketch comedy and prank show similar to "Tosh.0," "Chappelle's Show," "Punkd," etc. "FUEL TV (owned by FOX) is in over 30 million homes, and we're going to be the next huge comedy hit. You'll be seeing me on the show as well!"

Elizabeth Hamblin Naylor, an advocate for the Lymphoma Research Foundation and member of the advocacy committee of its MA chapter, was highlighted in the Lymphoma Research Foundation Annual Report for 2010 for serving as a consumer grant reviewer in the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. She states in the report: "As a lymphoma survivor, I wanted to advocate for LRF on the national level. My role as a consumer reviewer couldn't be more fulfilling or meaningful, because I am there representing not just myself but the entire blood cancer community. I encourage everyone who finds themselves wanting to do more to become involved in the LRF Advocacy Program."

2002

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Adam Boros and wife Ntsako welcomed son Masana Lajos Boros on 2/16 at 12:18 p.m. (South Africa time). Masana means "rays of the sun"

in xTsonga, which is Ntsako's mother tongue. They are absolutely thrilled!

Kate McAlaine continues to actively resist joining Facebook, therefore she desperately needs you to add your notes to the magazine so she can stalk you like it's 2002.

2003

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Noelle Bannister completed the 2012 Ironman Cozumel Triathlon in Mexico.

2004

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Jeremy Whyman, M.D., will be starting an internal medicine residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, NH.

Tiana Davis Hercules and her husband recently purchased their first house in Hartford, CT.

Jill Peters married Scott MacVicar on 2/4 at the American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. Alumni present included **Anna Kislevitz, Kristina Helb, Jay (Clinch) Kaufman, Georgia Wright, Chris Detoy, Rick Gropper, Nick Vokey, Dave Kusy** and **Sarah Jacobs Forbes**.

Lisa Bartels was married on 4/14 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, to Jon Bernard. The couple will leave Lancaster, PA, and move to New Zealand

Aaron Schuman

'04 was inducted into the New Jersey Herald's 2011 class of "20 Under 40" in November. The annual event recognizes extraordinary professional and personal achievements by 20 Sussex County business people under 40 years of age "who are poised to be community leaders." Schuman graduated from New York Chiropractic College in 2007 and is a sports chiropractor in Sparta, N.J. He is married to Beth Chase-Schuman '04.

for six months, where Lisa will work as a family doctor.

Nora Mirick Guerrero and husband Chris had their first child, Lily Grace, on 9/5.

Saul Slowik was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Officer Candidate School on 2/16/11. His first assignment is at Fort Stewart, GA, after he completes the Military Police Basic Officer's Leadership Course. He will be joined at Fort Stewart by his wife, Emily.

Jamie Rogers opened Pushcart Coffee, a neighborhood coffee shop on the Lower East Side, featuring baked goods made by his sister, Maggie Rogers '11. They encourage all to come down to



Alumni gather for a mini-reunion in Oct. in Chatham, MA. Back row: Midge Auwerter Shepard '68, Judy Jones McGregor '68, Ann Engstrom Reydel '68 and Betty Sidor Hanley '68. Front row: Mary Whitney Hoch '69, Deb Benjamin '67 and Heather Marcy Cooper '68.



Judy Biegel Sher '62 and her family — all 15 of them! — in Mexico for Christmas.

say hi and try some.

Usman Khosa graduated from the Booth School of Business at the U. of Chicago and works as an investment banker at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Chicago. He recently joined the CC alumni board and would love to connect with members of our class!

Ben Johnson writes: "For the past few years I worked at WNYC Public Radio, reporting live on Occupy Wall Street and other news, producing, and serving last year as the digital editor for their national live news show, *The Takeaway* (and working on a variety of special projects). Last spring I also started writing for *Slate Magazine*, as the weekend editor of their breaking news blog, *The Slate*. And this fall I was hired as a supervising editor at *Slate*, overseeing an exciting new partnership with Google and YouTube — part of a \$150 million bid Google is making for partnerships with original content producers."

2005

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On 6/11/11, **Tiffany Krempely** married Brian Proffitt in Estes Park, CO. Camels celebrating in the mountains included **Deborah Block**, **Anya Watson**, **Eva Sands Heenan**, **William Wright**, **Alexandria Stepanek Braun**, **Lauren Harris** and **Kathryn Batley Johnson**.

2006

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Meredith Miller Thompson and Kevin Thompson are happy to announce their marriage last 8/6 in Marblehead, MA. They live in Arlington, MA. Attendees included William Miller '80 and Barbara Spiess Miller '79, the parents of the bride, as well as **Kate Zullo**, Jacqui Crowley '07, **Courtney Miville**, **Kristin Potter**, **Felicia Brown**, **Rachel Smith**, **Ben Alander**, **Sarah King**, Visna Ngov '07, **Chloe O'Connell**, Caitlin Greeley '05, Barbara Hricko Wait '79 and John Wait '79.

2007

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2008

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Julie Kate Lederman Vanacker lives in Boulder, CO, with her husband and puggle. She owns her own portrait photography studio, Julie Kate Photography, and sells her work on Etsy.com.

Rachael Cooke also lives in CO,

Beatrice Biira '08 is a community engagement officer for Heifer International in New York City. When she was a child in Uganda, Biira and her family received a goat from Heifer, which provides livestock and agricultural training to families and communities around the world. With the extra income from the goat's milk, Biira's mother was able to afford her school fees. Biira earned a master's degree at the Clinton School of Public Service. In a press release, Heifer called Biira one of its "greatest success stories."

acting and working with children in Telluride. She begins studying for a master of counseling degree this fall. She has plans to meet up soon with **Sally Pendergast McCance**, who bought a house in the Denver area with her husband. Sally works as a behavioral therapist at Firefly Autism House and hosted **Catherine Flint** and **Elizabeth Bennett** for a Camels ski weekend.

Leigh Ahrensdoerf lives in Boston and works as a financial analyst at Children's Hospital Boston. She started her part-time MBA at Boston College this past spring. She enjoys hosting Festivus for CC alums at her apartment every Dec.

Craig Audin is a first-year medical student at Tulane U. He hopes to do some traveling this summer. He shared an early Mardi Gras celebration with **Pete Musser**, who was in town for a bachelor party.

Despite living in Boston and NYC respectively, **Ashley Faber** and **Jackie Bryant** see each other monthly. Ashley works in research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Jackie is an institutional client relationship manager at Cohen & Steers Capital Management.

Chrissie Brennan lives in Norwalk, CT, and is the associate director of development for a nonprofit in Stamford.

After living in Santa Clara, CA, and working for a startup called Sazze Inc., **Jess Swain** moved back to NYC to work remotely as their director of brand and strategy. Coincidentally, Jess recently led a panel discussion on eCommerce websites in San Francisco that included **Karen Fein**.

Caroline Coolidge lives in London and is studying for her master's degree in anthropology of food at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Bryan Patterson lives in Raleigh, NC, and works as a federal proposal analyst at Rho Inc., a contract research organization that provides clinical research services to leading pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device companies, as well as a number of federal government agencies. He is also pursuing a joint master's degree in public administration and health administration from the U. of North Carolina at Pembroke. During the first weekend of March, **Walt Wright**, **Ryan Feldhoff** and **Brian Ford** attended Bryan's bachelor party festivities in Raleigh.

2009

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2010

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2011

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Annie Bigwood was accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Senegal in March to begin pre-service training as a preventative health care educator. After she graduates from training in June, she will live with a host family to become fully immersed in Senegal's language and culture. Then she'll be assigned to a community for her two-year volunteer service. Annie's work will focus on addressing environmental health and nutrition problems through informal education and community actions. After the Peace Corps, she plans to get a master's degree in public health and work in the field of global health.

Amy Falk lives in Boston and is a community residence counselor in an adolescent residential treatment unit at McLean Hospital. She enjoys working directly with the patients that come through the unit and is using this time to think about graduate school options. She also enjoys spending time with other Boston Camels, including **Susanna Kavee**, **Rachel Zelinsky '10**, **Sam Linder** and **Nick Woolf**. They try to have "family dinners" as much as possible.

Sam Linder is a lab technician in a research lab at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her lab's research focuses on the engineering of gene-editing tools such as zinc finger nucleases and TALENs. Sam has specifically been focusing on applications for these tools



It was 70 degrees in L.A. when Peter Moor '86, his wife, Romie Angelich, and their sons Spencer and Callan picked up their Christmas tree.



Jill Peters '04 married Scott MacVicar on 2/4 at the American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. Class of '04 attendees included Anna Kislevitz, Kristina Helb, Jay Clinch Kaufman, Georgia Wright, Chris Detoy, Rick Gropper, Nick Vokey, Dave Kusy and Sarah Jacobs Forbes.

in a variety of human cell lines, including human ES and iPS cells.

Emily Callahan works for the environmental consulting group Cardno ENTRIX, under contract for BP. This has given her the opportunity to work along the Gulf of Mexico, studying the effects on the local biota, characterizing core samples containing remaining submerged oil, and determining the economic aftermath of the BP Deepwater Horizon spill that occurred in April '10.

Emma Bruggeman has spent the past year working in OVCS as an AmeriCorps VISTA health and education outreach coordinator. She also spent time in Costa Rica getting trained to be a certified yoga teacher.

Kim Chapman lives in Somerville, MA, and works as a neuropsychology psychometrist for Commonwealth Psychology Associates in the Back Bay and Financial District areas of Boston.

Matt Cannon has been volunteering with AmeriCorps Cape Cod, doing environmental education and community outreach. He is involved in chainsawing for invasive species management, animal strandings and disaster preparedness. He is thinking of attending graduate school in environmental policy.

Nita Contreras lives in Washington, DC, and works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As a staff assistant in the department's Rural Utilities Service, she has been working closely with water and wastewater systems, energy infrastructure, and telecommunications loans for rural America. This fall, she plans to apply for graduate school in similar fields.

Kadie Greenfield works as a community residence counselor at McLean Hospital Gunderson Residence, a residence for adult women with borderline personality disorder. Since graduating, Kadie has performed in musical theater productions in the Boston area. She is excited that she can pursue a career in psychology as well as continue to perform.

Melissa McWilliams has been working as a clinical research assistant at the Bradley/Hasbro Children's Research Center in Providence, RI. As a member of the BHCRC team, Melissa works on a number of projects that study the impact of psychological factors on the growth and development of children and their families.

Alexandra Ross is a research assistant for the cardiothoracic surgery department at Columbia U. Medical Center in NYC. Alexandra conducts research projects on heart diseases and their surgical outcomes. She also works on harvesting organs, traveling around the country as a perfusionist for heart and lung transplants for Columbia

Presbyterian Hospital.

Flora Drury is a naturalist for the Pacific Whale Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Maui, HI, leading whale watches and snorkel tours.

2012

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Editor's Note: If you are interested in serving as class correspondent, please contact Class Notes Coordinator Karen Laskey at the above address.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Butler Close '38 of Dallas died Feb. 1. Betty and her husband, Walter, lived for many years in Scarsdale, N.Y. There, Betty volunteered with the Junior League of Scarsdale, the Scarsdale Women's Club, the Greenville Community Church and White Plains Hospital. She was an avid golfer. A French major, Betty was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter. She is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.

Winifred Glover La Grua '39 of Stonington, Conn., died Feb. 2. Known as Wynne to her friends and family, she co-owned La Grua's Gift Shop in Stonington for more than 50 years, served as the borough tax collector for a decade and volunteered on behalf of many local organizations. In 2007 she funded the purchase and renovation of a former borough foundry into a community education and arts center named for her late husband, Maurice La Grua. Wynne was a history major.

Helen Canty Berns '41 of Rockledge, Fla., died June 19, 2011. An English major, Helen worked with the Head Start program of the Cocoa area in Florida during its first years. She volunteered with the Audubon Society and the Cocoa Library and helped establish the first Cub Scout pack for the Banana River area. Survivors include three children.

Janice Heffernan Whiting '41 died Jan. 9 in Gloucester, Va. Janice was active in many local organizations and wrote an exhaustive history of her family. She and her husband, George, worked with the Rosewell Foundation to preserve the historic ruins of an 18th-century Virginia mansion. George's 30-year career as a naval officer took them to ports across the United States — including Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack in 1941. Janice was preceded in death by her husband and a son. Survivors include three children

and two granddaughters.

Eileen Barry Wilderott '41 GP'99 of Harbor Springs, Mich., died March 20. Lee majored in art history and later earned a master's in library science from the University of Michigan. She worked as a children's librarian at the Flint Public Library for many years and volunteered as a scout leader. Lee was an avid learner and reader, and always enjoyed inspiring curiosity in others. Her husband, Robert, died Dec. 25. Nine children, 17 grandchildren — including Anne McDevitt Cummins '99 — and 15 great-grandchildren survive.

Ann Whitmore Carter '42 of Millsboro, Del., died Feb. 5. Ann, a history and government major, was lifelong friends with a dozen women who were freshmen together during the Hurricane of 1938. She worked with her husband, William, at his insurance agency and on the founding of Delaware Technical Community College. Ann volunteered with many groups, including the Children's Bureau of Delaware. Her husband, a son and a step-grandson preceded Ann in death. Survivors include two other children, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Virginia Frey Linscott '42 of Longboat Key, Fla., died March 20. Ginnie, a child development major, volunteered on behalf of the College as a member of the Laurels Committee, club leader and class agent. Her husband, Rolliston, died in 2010. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Virginia Little Miller '42 of Bloomfield, Conn., died Jan. 6. A government and history major, Virginia was president of the Hartford Rehabilitation Center, director of the Old State House, a corporator of Hartford Hospital, a member of the board of the American Speech and Hearing Society, and president of the Garden Club of Hartford. Her husband, Charles, and a daughter preceded her in death. A son survives.

Charlotte Steitz Sanborn '42 died Jan. 29 in Lima, Peru. An art major, Charlotte later graduated from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy. She lived in more than 26 places in the United States while founding occupational therapy and rehabilitation programs. In 1970 she settled in Seattle. Survivors include a daughter and two grandchildren in Lima.

Louise Radford Denegre '43 of Irvington, Va., died Feb. 3. Her husband Tom's Navy career took them across the U.S. and to Belgium. Louise volunteered with many organizations, including the National Gallery of Art, Gunston

Hall Plantation and the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts. She was the first woman president of the Historic Christ Church Foundation, and the Sons of the American Revolution honored her with a Good Citizenship Medal. An English major, Louise served the College as a planned giving agent. Her husband and three children survive her.

Constance Haaren Wells '43 of Hanover, N.H., died Jan. 20. Connie and her husband, Daniel, lived in Windsor, Conn., and then New Hampshire after he retired from the Navy. Connie, a math major, volunteered as a class agent on behalf of the College and taught nursery school at the First Church of Windsor. She enjoyed skiing, golf, tennis and bridge. Connie was preceded in death by her husband and a son. Survivors include two daughters and five grandchildren.

Dorothy Chapman Cole '44 of Ellensburg, Wash., died March 21. Dorothy taught first grade for many years and had a special passion for horses. She spent hours in the dust and wind working with the Wranglerettes girls' mounted drill team and enjoyed Ellensburg's annual rodeo. Dorothy had a broad knowledge of the arts, literature, classical music and world affairs, and was also an accomplished trap and skeet shooter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob. Survivors include three children and eight grandchildren.

Jean Loomis Hendrickson '44 of Richland, Wash., died March 30. She was an active tennis player for many years and also enjoyed boating, Bible studies and singing alto in her church choir. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, a retired Coast Guard captain, and a granddaughter. Survivors include two sons and five grandsons.

Phyllis Miller Hurley '44 of Austin, Texas, died March 13. She and her husband, Jack, moved often because of his career with Shell Oil. Phyllis embraced each move with a spirit of adventure and as an opportunity to build new friendships. Her travels took her to every continent. She swam in each ocean, including the Antarctic. Phyllis volunteered for many organizations in Houston, where she and Jack lived for 40 years. He preceded her in death. Survivors include two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Phyllis was a psychology major.

Priscilla Cobb '45, a longtime resident of Natick, Mass., died March 5. After graduating with a degree in chemistry, Priscilla worked as a clinical lab technician and research assistant at several universities and hospitals,

including Cornell, the New York College of Medicine and Tufts. She later taught chemistry at Walnut Hill School in Natick, her alma mater. She held a master's degree in chemistry from Simmons College.

Virginia Winkler Dunn '45 of Carlsbad, Calif., died Feb. 4. A talented artist and teacher, Ginny was a child development major. She enjoyed working with young people and influenced many lives. Ginny served on the staff of Camp Miniwanca, a leadership training camp in Michigan, for 30 years and was active in the Junior League as well as several garden and book clubs. Her husband, Robert, died in 2010. Ginny is survived by two children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ethelyn Heinrich Miner '45 of Englewood, Colo., died Jan. 19. Lynne and her husband, Frank, had a bountiful garden and enjoyed sharing produce with friends. She was a great cook. Her zucchini bread was legendary and she canned, pickled and preserved annually. Lynne was a talented crafter and taught needlepoint for many years. She loved a party for any reason. Lynne, a psychology major, was predeceased by her husband. Survivors include four children, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Patricia Turchon Peters '45 P'71 of Jupiter, Fla., died March 15. Patty lived for many years in Wellesley, Mass., where she was a member of the Junior Service League and the Garden Study Group. She will be remembered for her energy, her infectious laugh and her ability to make anyone feel at home. Patty, a psychology major, volunteered for the College as a class secretary and class nominating chair. She was predeceased by two husbands. Three children, including Candace Norton Hitchcock '71, survive, along with four grandchildren.

Natalie Pickering Beguelin '46 of Red Bank, N.J., died March 15. Natalie lived for many years in Locust, N.J., where she was active with the Riverside Drive Association, the Visiting Homemakers Association, and the local historical association and conservation foundation. She was an avid gardener and won awards for her floral arrangements. The Natalie Pickering Beguelin Bowl is presented annually in her honor. Natalie, a history major, was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include two sons and six grandchildren.

Ellis Kitchell Bliss '46 of Bath, Maine, died Sept. 24. Ellis founded the Maine chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill and tirelessly championed legislation and programs for people with mental illness. She loved language,

enjoyed puzzles and was a prolific crafter. Her sweaters have kept her family warm for many years, and friends and family were happy recipients of well over 100 quilts. A German studies major, Ellis served on her class Reunion Committee. Her husband, Harry; a cousin, Alice Fletcher Freymann '49; and a sister, Dorothy Kitchell Brandt '42, preceded her in death. Survivors include four children and eight grandchildren.

Louise Enequist Ferguson '46 of Pittsburgh, Pa., died March 8. A music major, she volunteered for many years at the Children's Hospital and other local organizations. Louise was an avid outdoors enthusiast. She enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, golfing and other sports. A sister, Mary Enequist Faircloth '43, and a daughter preceded Louise in death. Survivors include her husband, Bob; three children; 13 grandchildren; a sister, Beatrice Enequist Strifert '38 P'62; and a niece, Dorothy Strifert Tilton '62.

Ginger Niles Kelley '46 of Timonium, Md., died Feb. 17. Ginger was a well-known residential real estate broker on Boston's south shore. She moved to Cape Cod from Hingham, Mass., in 1979, and later ran a small bed and breakfast. She and her second husband, the late marathon legend John "the Elder" Kelley, ran in many road races, raising money for charities while inspiring runners young and old. An economics major, Ginger served on her class Reunion Committee. She is survived by two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Susan Rippey Polleys '47 of Tucson, Ariz., died March 3. Susan was a music major and music was important to her through her life. She was a church organist for many years, taught Suzuki piano and was very active in the Tucson Music Teachers Association. She loved flowers and grew prize-winning African violets. Susan's husband, Rhodes, and a son preceded her in death. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a sister, Helen Rippey Simpson '44.

Sarah Marks Wood '47 of Elkins, N.H., died Dec. 4. Sally was an avid bird-watcher, gardener, skier and marksman. She volunteered at the local library and served on the College's Alumni Association Board of Directors. Sally, who majored in zoology, is survived by her husband, Howell, three daughters and two grandchildren.

Gwendolyn Montz Ihrig '48 died Jan. 23. Gwen, who lived in Hawaii, was an English major. Her husband, Judson, and two children survive her.

Helen Pope Miller '48 died Feb. 23 in West Peabody, Mass. A music major, she studied the organ at Yale and the New England Conservatory of Music. Lee taught music at the Gordon School in Rhode Island and was harpsichordist for the Telemann Trio. She and her husband, Larry, toured with the Providence Singers for 20 years. Lee also led youth choirs and tutored children with learning disabilities. In addition, she volunteered as a class agent and Reunion Committee member. Her husband died in 1996. Four children and three grandchildren survive her.

Barbara Norton Fleming '49 of Holyoke, Mass., died March 18. Bobbie earned a master's degree at Boston University, taught fifth grade for a time, and later worked at the Open Window Book Shop in Chicopee. She counted her classmates as some of her dearest friends and enjoyed traveling across the United States and Europe with them. A Hispanic studies major, Bobbie was a class agent and class correspondent. Survivors include four children and nine grandchildren.

Barbara Phelps Shepard '50 of East Hampton, Conn., died Jan. 28. Barbara taught in Essex and later organized the East Hampton Nursery School. She was instrumental in the start of the East Hampton Food Bank, where she was a steady volunteer for 20 years. In 1986 she organized the first annual Crop Walk, a town-wide walk to fight hunger. Survivors include her husband, Bruce, three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ann McCreery Turner '51 of Montreal died Feb. 22. An economics major, Ann had a gentle but independent soul, was a stickler for the proper use of English, and had a laugh that delighted in silly jokes. She lived in Canada for 58 years but remained proud of her American roots. Survivors include four children, 11 grandchildren, and her former husband, William.

Joan Katz Easton '52 P'78 of New York died Feb. 28. Joan was a teacher and then head of admissions at the Dwight-Englewood School in New Jersey. She won the golf championship at Sunningdale Country Club more than 20 times; the tournament was recently named in her honor. A history major, Joan devoted herself to the Helicon Foundation, a chamber music society, and was a docent at



Jane W. Torrey, 1925-2012

JANE W. TORREY, who taught at the College for 37 years and cofounded the Program in Gender & Women's Studies, died March 7 in Spartanburg, S.C. A professor emeritus of psychology, she was 86.

Students remember Torrey for the provocative discussions in her classes, her independent thinking and her ability to dispel stereotypes. They competed to enroll in her course on the psychology of men and women.

Torrey's colleagues remember her keen, progressive intellect and her sharp wit. She wasn't interested in superficialities and fought hard for the causes she believed in. She worked on behalf of the NAACP, the League of Women Voters and many other organizations.

Torrey was a lifelong champion of equality. She was an early member of the National Organization for Women and encouraged the aspirations of her students. She told women who were starry-eyed about romance, "Just remember, when your husband carries you over the threshold he's taking you to work."

A prize in Torrey's honor is awarded annually to a senior in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies for outstanding work in that field.

Torrey grew up in Springfield, Mass., and Jaffrey, N.H. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at Swarthmore College, and her master's and a doctorate in experimental psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. Before coming to Connecticut College in 1953, she taught summer school at Colorado College and was a research associate at the University of Minnesota.

Torrey retired to Jaffrey, a place that was very dear to her, in 1991. Survivors include her daughter, Debi Torrey Brown-Landrum, and her husband, Gary; and four grandchildren.

Gifts in Torrey's memory can be made to the Jane W. Torrey Award, Connecticut College, Office of College Advancement, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320.

the Metropolitan Museum for 22 years. Her eagerness to hear and elicit the stories of all around her — sometimes complete strangers — endeared her to others. Two children, including Elizabeth W. Easton '78, and two grandchildren survive.

Joyce Leeming Mayfield '52 of Greensboro, N.C., died March 5. A longtime resident of East Lyme, Conn., Joyce volunteered with many organizations, including the local library, the Niantic Children's Museum and the Republican Town Committee. She served on her class Reunion Committee and was a class agent. Joyce had abundant energy, an inquisitive mind and a deep love of learning. A zoology major, she maintained a lifelong love of animals and science, working many years for oral surgeons in Groton. Her husband, Stanwix, died in 1966. Four children and five grandchildren survive, as do two nieces: Leslie Leeming Flynn '84 and Catherine Leeming Anderson '84.

Ruth Stupell Weinflash '52 of Cresskill, N.J., died March 27. Ruth was an actress and received accolades for her productions of Tennessee Williams plays. She was vibrant and poetic, a woman of valor and integrity. An economics major, Ruth volunteered as a class agent. Survivors include her husband, Bernie, three children and seven grandchildren.

Laura Elliman Patrick '56 died Jan. 19 in Stamford, Conn. A longtime resident of Staten Island, Laura was

committed to preserving the history of the island where she grew up. She was on the boards of the Staten Island Historical Society and the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden for more than 20 years. She also was on the board of the Visiting Nurse Association for 47 years and served a term as president. An economics major, she volunteered for the College as a class correspondent. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Albert and Robert, and a cousin, Janet Comtois Stirn '45. Survivors include three daughters, five stepchildren, two granddaughters, and two cousins, Dorothea Badenhausen '57 and Emily Haugen Talbert '62.

Sarah J. Bloomer '57 of Cambridge, Mass., died Feb. 18. A history major, Sally was an elementary school teacher for more than 35 years. Friends and family marveled at her artistry in making beautiful Nantucket woven baskets. Sally was a world traveler, visiting every continent. She volunteered at the Christ Church Thrift Shop in Cambridge and was a class agent for the College. Survivors include a sister, Marie Bloomer Patterson '46.

Lynn Millen Simon '57 of Middlebury, Conn., died Feb. 13. Lynn was active with Temple B'Nai Israel of Southbury and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. A child development major, Lynn is survived by her husband, Aaron, three children and five grandchildren.

Deborah Mallett '59 of Farmington, Maine, died Feb. 26. A history major, Debbie earned a master's at the University of Maine. She taught for 36 years — first in Bristol, Conn., then in Germany with the Department of Defense school system, and then in Maine. The first grade was her favorite. Debbie traveled widely in Europe and Asia and volunteered in Maine with her local hospital and library. She was passionate about Farmington and enjoyed entertaining at her home there.

Jo Lindseth Busser '63 P'95 of Philadelphia died March 24. An art history major, Jo cared deeply about homelessness and housing. She coordinated the Interfaith Hospitality Network at St. Paul's Church, was development director for a Philadelphia soup kitchen and served on the board of the Neighborhood Interfaith Movement. Many of the families she worked with became lifelong friends. Jo also worked with the AFS Intercultural Program, hosting countless foreign students. Survivors include a son, Duncan Busser '95, and a sister, Marta Lindseth Jack '55. Her husband, Bob, two other sons and seven grandchildren also survive.

Carol Crossley Barbera '66 of Lowell, Mass., died Feb. 13. An economics major, Carol worked many years as a buyer for G. Fox before becoming head of human relations at Comfed Bank and then director of affirmative action at Brandeis University. She retired in 2010 as a career counselor with the

Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training. Survivors include her mother, a son and three grandchildren.

Christie Wilson-Krusz '75 of Chicopee, Mass., died Jan. 30. A psychology major, Christie earned a master's degree from Springfield College and was a social worker for 25 years. She enjoyed bowling and gardening. Christie pursued a special interest in antiques and kitchen collectibles through her own business, Christie's Corner. She inspired many with her courage and optimism during a 14-year battle with ovarian cancer. Her mother, Jean Wilson Warren '39 P'75, and a cousin, Dorothy Pryde '21, predeceased Christie. Survivors include her husband, Jimmy.

Eugene S. Kumekawa '75 of Wellington, New Zealand, died Feb. 3. He will be sorely missed by his friends at the Wellington Badminton Hall, his neighbors, his colleagues at the Tertiary Education Commission and the Wellington City Chorus. Gene, an anthropology major, volunteered as an alumni admission representative. Survivors include his soul mate, Lia Mapa, and his father.

Hans P. Jensen '07 of Duxbury, Mass., died Dec. 27. A government major, he was an avid sailor. Hans loved the water and the feel of the wind blowing in his face and through his hair. He competed on the College's sailing team as a student and was an assistant coach after graduating. He also coached at Duxbury High School. Survivors include his parents.

Richard W. Ingersoll Sr. P'79 GP'91, former director of the College's Physical Plant division, died May 21, 2011, at the age of 92. He came to the College in 1968 after six years as assistant director of Yale's Physical Plant and 25 years in the Navy — mostly in the submarine service. Mr. Ingersoll served on the U.S.S. Hake during World War II and made nine war patrols in the Pacific. He was in Tokyo Bay for the signing of the peace treaty with the Japanese. He rose from seaman to eventually command a naval deep-sea salvage ship out of Norfolk, Va. At the College, Mr. Ingersoll headed up the division that oversees the operation and maintenance of all campus buildings and grounds. He loved the College and was very proud of his contributions to his department. He retired in 1980 and moved to Florida to enjoy golfing, fishing and RV traveling with his wife of 66 years, Louise. Survivors include his wife and daughter; a son, Richard Wayne Ingersoll Jr. '79; and a grandson, Richard Wayne Ingersoll III '91.

CC: Magazine requires an official, printed obituary for all death notices listed in the magazine and online. To view extended obituaries or submit information to the College about alumni who have died, visit the Class Notes section of the Alumni Online Community at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

Eminent Commencement

Members of the platform party gather in Cummings Arts Center before the College's 94th Commencement. From left, front row: President Higdon and College Marshal Ann Devlin. Back row: class president Daniel Wernick '12; class speaker Brenner Green '12; Chair of the Board of Trustees Jim Berrien '74; Louis Susman P'84, Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient; the Rev. Laurence LaPointe; and Barbara Shattuck Kohn '72, recipient of the College Medal.



JON CHISPIN



ANDREW NATHANSON '13

Alumni and their children participate in the Alumni Sons & Daughters program on campus in February, where they learned tips from admission officers and other College staff in preparation for the selective college admission process.

Fall Weekend is Oct. 5-7, 2012

Mark your calendars now and plan to visit campus for this annual celebration for alumni, parents, students and friends.

For more information, visit
<http://fallweekend.conncoll.edu>

Alumni Awards Call for Nominations

THE COLLEGE AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

give several awards annually to recognize outstanding achievements of alumni. These awards are typically presented to alumni who are celebrating their reunion.

Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award

Honors alumni who have contributed outstanding service to the College, demonstrated by continued active participation in class, regional programming or Board of Directors activities. Winners must have graduated at least 15 years ago.

Alumni Tribute Award

Recognizes alumni who have given continuous and extraordinary service to the College. The service must keep with the purpose and spirit of the Alumni Association, though winners need not work directly through the association.

Goss Award

Honors enthusiastic participants in Alumni Association programs or activities and significant contributors to the College community. Winners must be members of the Alumni Association.

Harriet Buescher Lawrence '34 Prize

Given to alumni who are leaders in improving society or inspiring others for good, either through direct service or by changing the climate of human life materially, socially, ethically or spiritually. Their achievements should surpass those of other leaders in their fields.

Mach Arom '89 Award

Honors service to the College and distinguished achievements in the recipient's professional field. Any member of a class who graduated within the past 15 years is eligible to be nominated, except current members of the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Connecticut College Medal

The College Medal, established in 1969 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the College's first class, is the highest honor the College can confer. It is given by the Board of Trustees to individuals whose accomplishments or service have enhanced the College's reputation and nourished its growth.

Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to Bridget McShane, Director of Alumni Relations, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320; bridget.mcshane@conncoll.edu; 860-439-2302.



Election 2012: Your Alumni Board

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD of Directors has nominated six new directors and is recommending that three others be reappointed to second terms. All would serve for three years beginning in July.

The candidates are presented as a single slate according to the association bylaws. You can indicate your support for the slate by calling 1-800-888-7549 or emailing alumni@conncoll.edu no later than June 30.

The board nominated **Lucie Hoblitzelle Iannotti '57**, **P'83**, **Robin Wilson '82** and **Martha E. (Meg) Gifford '73** for second terms. The new nominees are:

Carol L. Parke '58 majored in English, played field hockey and participated in the Student Government Association. She was a class officer and served on the judiciary board and Koiné. She earned her graduate degree at Columbia and retired from Syracuse University as an associate librarian. Carol volunteers as a class agent and was editor of her 50th Reunion yearbook. She lives in Richmond, Va., near a daughter and two of her grandsons.

David Clark '73 majored in government and was a housefellow and class officer; on the judiciary board, SGA, student newspaper and radio; and played basketball. He has volunteered as an alumni admission representative, club president, class president and reunion chairman. David, who works in buying and planning, served on the planning board and town council of Falmouth, Maine. He and his wife, Phyllis, recently relocated to Bella Vista, Ark.

Jamie Glanton Costello '89 of Brookline, Mass., majored in sociology-based human relations and earned her M.A. from Columbia University Teachers College and Ph.D. from Boston College in higher education

administration. Jamie has served as a president's office delegate, Bridges Mentoring Program volunteer, class treasurer, reunion committee member and alumni admission representative. The dean of students and multicultural programs at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Jamie and her husband, John, have two children, Xavier and Delaney.

Ryan Poirier '96 majored in government and was SGA vice president, a housefellow and a member of the senior pledge committee. He holds an M.A. in education and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Ryan was a Young Alumni Trustee and a member of his class's reunion committee, class president and a career adviser. He and his partner, Bob Barnes, live in Columbus, Ohio.

Sarah Schoellkopf '97 of San Francisco majored in sociology and Hispanic studies and was a Winthrop scholar and a scholar in the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts. With a Fulbright fellowship in Buenos Aires, she continued the human rights studies that she began with a CISLA grant. Sarah holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Hispanic languages and literatures from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a Spanish teacher/language director at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School. She has volunteered as an alumni admission representative and class agent.

Jennifer Tejada '10 of Bronx, N.Y., was one of the College's first Cornel West scholars. She graduated cum laude with majors in economics and international relations. As a class agent, she volunteers with the regional March Mania program to raise participation for the Graduates of the Last Decade. Jennifer is a paralegal in the Latin America division at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton LLP.

The Alumni Association congratulates legacy students of the Class of 2012

Charles Barstow (Barbara Gueinzus Gridley '52, grandmother)

Robert Bellotti (Peter Bellotti '78, Barbara Paul Bellotti '79)

Jennifer Canelli (Paul Canelli '79, Connie Rogers '78)

Samuel Field (Lucia Santini CFA'80)

Margaret Frattaroli (Mark Frattaroli '85)

Cara Hass (Tina Reich Hass '80)

Grace Kabel (Kenneth Kabel '76)

Abigail McBride (Robert McBride '82)

Clyde McKee (Clyde McKee '80, Taryl Johnson McKee '83)

Catherine Monahan (Jane Derr Monahan '70)

Alexander Owen (Steve Owen '80)

Elizabeth Rosenfeld (David Rosenfeld '78)

Eleanor Schmitt (Elizabeth Brainard Sandwick '49, grandmother; Victoria Sandwick Schmitt '73)

Nicholas Sizer (Harold Sizer '84, Susan Budd Sizer '84)

Benjamin Stepansky (Joyce Rubino '78)

Kelly Watkins (Vance Watkins '78)



Washington, D.C., alumni work with members of SOME (So Others May Eat) to mulch, weed and plant at Independence Place, the organization's largest family housing site, during the second annual Camels Care Service Day in April. SOME is an interfaith, community-based organization committed to aiding the poor and homeless.



From left, Jewell Westerman, Cassandra (Sandy) Clark Westerman '58 and Nancy Schoepfer Sanders '63 at the Meet the Faculty event in Naples, Fla., in March.



From left, Jillian Cote '12 interviews Madeleine Baldwin '10, a marketing specialist for the National Basketball Association; Samuel Hopkins '98, associate athletic director for external relations at Dartmouth College; and Dana Cialfi '02, tournament manager and marketing director for the New Haven Open at Yale, at a Sundays with Alumni panel on sports careers in March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dessert with Alumni

6-8 p.m., June 12, Northampton, Mass.

Molly Goettsche Feinstein '07 and Alex Feinstein '07 host this family-friendly gathering at their frozen yogurt shop, GoBerry, at 80 Main St.

Entrepreneurs Forum

Noon-1:30 p.m., June 19, New York City

Alumni entrepreneurs share tips on starting your own business at the Princeton Club of New York, 15 West 43rd St.

Meet the Faculty

6-7:30 p.m., June 27, Falmouth, Maine

Meet with alumni, parents and friends and hear speaker Wayne Swanson, professor emeritus of government, at the Portland Country Club, 11 Foreside Road.

Save the Date: Head of the Charles

Oct. 20-21, Boston

Mark your calendar to watch some of the world's best rowing with your friends from Connecticut College.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-888-7549 or view the calendar at www.conncoll.edu/alumni.

Thank You!

The Office of College Advancement extends its deepest appreciation to all the wonderful alumni volunteers who made **REUNION 2012** the great event that it was. You are why Connecticut College is so special!

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CAMELS SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT FENWAY PARK ON MAY 2. KERRY HOLLERAN BAILEY '01, LAURA ABINERI GURRY '00, ELIZABETH LYONS HORNE '00, KATE OWENS ECKSTEIN '05, VAIL BREED '02, EMILY GETNICK COOPER '00 AND KATE BENARD MOTTA '04, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE THE ENCHORDS, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CONNCHORDS WHO LIVE IN THE BOSTON AREA. WATCH THEIR RENDITION AT [HTTP://CCONLINE.CONNCOLL.EDU](http://cconline.conncoll.edu).

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